

Faith or Fiction:

What to do when your faith isn't working

- Why Doesn't My Faith Work?
- How Come God Doesn't Heal Me?
- Why isn't God Supplying My Needs?
- How Come I am not Healed?
- How Come My Needs aren't Met?
- How Come I'm Not Prospering?
- Why Doesn't God Answer Me?

These are the questions that so many Christians are asking? And the answer to all of these is found in Scripture.

Scripture Reference:

"Examine, test and evaluate yourselves to see whether or not you are in the Faith - And, that you are showing the proper fruits of it! Test and prove yourselves..." [2 Cor 13:5 Amp.]

The quickest way to find out whether or not we are in the faith - is to see if we are showing the results that the Word of God promises us when we are in faith.

If we are not seeing the results (proper fruits) - then it must only be one of two reasons because Gods Word never fails!

- We are not *acting* in accordance with what scriptures say.
 - What we *believe* is incorrect.
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Lack of Corresponding Actions:

- "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves." [Jms:1:22]
- "Don't you understand that faith *without* works is useless and produces no results?" [Jms:2:20 & 26]
- "Whoever looks into the perfect law of liberty (the Word of God), and continues in it, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a *doer* of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed." [Jms:1:25]

Very often the problem lies in the fact that although what we *believe* about the Word of God **is** correct - we fail to put what we believe (our faith) into action by actually doing what the Word of God say to do - and it is because we fail to act as we should that our faith produces no results!

Incorrect Information:

"For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and returns not thither, and waters the earth, and makes it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:... So shall my word be that goes forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." [Isa:55:10-11]

God has promised that **HIS** Word will never fail - and that it **WILL** produce the results that He said it would.

Unfortunately - for most Christians it is because of what they *believe* that they are not seeing the **results**. Instead of believing what the Word of God says - they have instead embraced *religious, denominational* and *traditional* teachings about various subjects (healing - prosperity - baptism of the Holy Ghost - etc) - and this is **why** they are not seeing the results promised.

We must understand that God is not obligated to act in accordance with *anything* other than what He has said in His Word - And if what we believe is not correct - (something other than what He said) then we will *never* see any results no matter how desperate we may be.

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Removing the Power:

Notice the results of embracing *religious* teaching instead of God's Word.

"... Laying aside the commandment of God, you (instead) hold the tradition of men.... And, you reject the commandment of God (His Word), and instead keep your *own* tradition.... "You make the word of God of no effect through your tradition(s)..." **[Matthew Chapter 15 • Mk: 7:13]**

What happened here is that those folks who *thought* that they were religiously following the Word of God were instead embracing *men's* ideas instead of God's Word - and in doing so they *removed* any **power** that could have produced the results they needed.

- Power to heal
 - Power to Prosper
 - Power to Deliver
 - Power to Protect
 - Etc.
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We are told to *examine* - *test* - and to make an *evaluation* of whether or not we are seeing the **results** that God's Word promises when we are in faith (believing correctly - and acting in accordance with His Word)

We are told in this scripture that it is possible for **us** to test what we *believe* and to prove **if** what we believe is *correct* by seeing if it **WORKS!**

If it doesn't - then we need to change what we think and *believe* and make sure that any changes that we do make come into agreement with the Word of God.

"Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God (His Word) and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ" **[2Cor: 10:5]**

Faith or Folly:

How foolish is it for us to *continue* to believe and do the same thing - even when we have not had the "proper fruits" or **results** promised by the Lord in His Word?

If we have not had success with what we have believed and done in the *past* - or the way we have done it, then why would we think that we would have *different* results this time? "As a dog returns to his vomit, so (does) a fool return to his folly." **[Prov: 26:11]**

Yet, despite the *foolishness* of such actions, I have seen so many dear brothers and sisters continue to embrace some spiritual *sounding* doctrine that has never produced the results they desperately need - even when the Scriptural Truth is told to them.

These individuals fall into the category that Jesus was referring to when He said that they reject the Word of God and instead hold on to their *religious* tradition.

Speaking of the Israelites - Paul the Apostle said of them:

"For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge." **[Rom: 10:2]**

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The problem that Israel had was not that they didn't love God - or *want* to serve Him or have His Word.

The problem was that - even though they had they word of God (Like so many of today's Christians) - they refused to accept it for what He **said** - and to follow the instructions as they were **written!** (They decided to add their own *interpretation* and to do things the way they thought they should be done)

And they had the *same* results that most of today's Christians have: Nothing!

- No Healing
 - No Power
 - No Prosperity
 - They are still living paycheck-to-paycheck
 - No Deliverance
 - No Protection
 - Etc...
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Why?

Like the Israelites - It is not because they don't love God - or want to serve Him.

It is simply because they have been *taught* some *religious, denominational* or *traditional* teaching that has made the Word of God of no effect and robbed them of the God-Given inheritance that comes with Salvation thru the Lord Jesus Christ.

"But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that *accompany* salvation... [Heb:6:9]

Praise God - there are things that accompany Salvation!

But we will never - ever- see these things *manifested* in our life unless - and until we realize that if we are not seeing these things - then it **MUST** be because we - (Not God) - are at fault.

Therefore - no matter what our need may be - it is important to *understand* - and *believe* - that Jesus **paid** for it - and it belongs to us!

And, in order for us to see it *manifested* we must first go to **God's** Word and LEARN the TRUTH - and then second - *apply* what we learn with corresponding actions.

Doing it God's Way:

Brothers and Sisters, if you (like so many others) have not seen the "proper fruits" (or results) that God Himself has promised to us in His Word - then *Examine* yourself - See whether or not you actually believe what the Word of God says, or if you are instead holding to some traditional or denominational ideas.

When we actually take the Lord at His Word - and *act* in Faith towards what **HE** has said - that is when we will begin to see the *manifestation* of His mighty power at work in our life!

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