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Spiritual Coffee

By now, if you have been reading my other messages, you should have a fair understanding of what the Bible defines Faith as and its importance in our daily lives. Faith is something you just don't try out, it needs to be a lifestyle. I plan to go a bit more in depth on this subject, so lets look at a couple scriptures.

Proverbs 3:5 - 7 NKJV "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And he shall direct your paths. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and depart from evil."

Romans 12:2 NKJV "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

Proverbs 3:5-7 sounds like to me you would need Faith to not lean on what you know or what you can see before you. Trusting in God and not your circumstance can be a difficult thing, but if you can gain some revelation on this and follow that Trust to Romans 12:2 you will see the *perfect will of God* and *he shall direct your paths*. Looking more in depth to the verse in Proverbs it says here to not trust your own understanding and not to be wise in your own eyes. So if you are in a difficult situation and all you see around you are your circumstances or what you can't do, then you don't have your trust in the Lord and are being wise in your own eyes. That is almost like saying you can't trust God enough to get you out of your situation and you have to figure it out yourself. Another way of saying that is that God isn't big enough to solve your problems because He can't see what I can, which he is more than capable to eliminate your problems.

We need to realize that our God is a big God capable of anything. Now, if we look over in Romans it speaks of not being conformed to this world and renewing your mind so you can see God's perfect will (paraphrasing). So don't think like the world thinks, don't see things the way the world does, just because your friends or neighbors can't see the way out of your situation doesn't mean God doesn't have the answer. So we need to start renewing our minds to the word and will of God so we all can be walking out *that good and acceptable and perfect will of God*.

In looking back on just these couple scriptures and others I have shared on faith previously it requires you to make the first step towards God. Once you make that initial step God will make a step closer to you. In the gospel of Mark it speaks of *first seeking His Kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you as well*. Depending on how close to God you are willing to get, results on how much God can work his will in your life. You have been given a free will and God will never impose himself on you unless you have asked of Him. To better illustrate this choice lets look at a scripture in Deuteronomy.

Deuteronomy 30:19-20 NKJV "I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live; that you may cling to Him, for He is your life and length of days; and that you may dwell in the land which the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them"

In this scripture it says that set before you in the world are blessing and cursing. You may have looked at this verse and wondered why each one of these is singular and not plural. You may have thought there is many blessings God has or could do in my life as well as cursings that you may have seen afflicted on others. Well, the blessing and cursing in this verse are packages. So the blessing in this verse encompasses all your healing, prosperity, and all the other promises that God has said in His word. Conversely, the cursing in this verse are all the things that the devil would like to put on you, sickness, disease, strife, lack, debt, etc.

So as you can see you have a choice, you can't be waiting on God to move in your life you have to make the first move towards Him. Most people wait on God their whole lives and all along God had been waiting on them. God gave us dominion over the earth, as said in Genesis. God gave us a free will and the power to choose blessing and cursing. So for us to walk in a victorious life and all the promises that He has in His word we have to choose His ways and make the step to seek Him. The hardest thing isn't for God to get you a million dollars but for you to be in position to receive it. All these things may not happen overnight. But, once you choose to walk by faith, renew your mind and not conform to the ways of this world, trusting in Him in everything you do, God will begin work mightily in you.

So as I close I hope that you have an understanding that walking by faith needs to be a lifestyle and not something you just try. In walking by faith you will be able to do what it says in Ephesians.

Ephesians 6:11-12 KJV "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

So there is a spiritual battle going on out there but you have the power to choose blessing on your life so you can walk out what it says in Ephesians. We need to raise the bar, so to speak, and reach for God's best. We can no longer be waiting on God to work in our lives but renew our minds to go for whatever goal He has put on your heart. Plan to spend more time in His word and His presence this year so you can get equipped to stand against the devil and more than withstand anything he tries to shoot at you. Proving you are a mighty man or woman of God. Amen!

