

Growing in Faith II

Faith is critical to our relationship with God.

Without faith it is impossible to please Him. ^{KJV} *Hebrews 11:6*

^{Amp} *Hebrews 11:6* But **without faith** it is impossible to [walk with God and] please Him, for whoever comes [near] to God must [necessarily] believe that God exists and that He rewards those who [earnestly and diligently] seek Him.

Faith is a gift of God. *Romans 12:3*

There are various levels of faith. (See Growing in Faith I)

There is mountain moving faith. *Mark 11:22-23*

Your words are critical to growing in faith.

Mark 11:23 says “if you believe, without doubt, those things you say shall come to pass, you shall have whatsoever you say.”

- You cannot pray right and talk wrong.

I

Consider *James 3:2-12*

Little things can stir and turn a horse and ship. *Vs 3-4*

The tongue is a little member that can start a great fire. *Vs 5*

The tongue can defile the body. *Vs 6*

The tongue is an unruly evil and a deadly poison. *Vs 8*

- The tongue if left untamed is full of contradictions. *Vs 9-12*

II

Death and life are in the power of the tongue. *Proverbs 18:21*

We are to warn and guard our mouth and tongue. *Proverbs 21:23: 13:3*

Some people...

- Act, think and feel = regret
- Feel, act and think = remorse
- Think, act and feel = reflect
- Think, feel and act = restraint

Our words carry consequences.

Our words can heal or kill.

- Our words can attract or repeal people, opportunities and promotions.

III

The words of the wise help people.

The words of the wise encourage the weary.

Consider *Isaiah 50:4*

The Lord can give you a brand-new tongue.

- *The Holy Ghost will give you a new tongue and a new song.*
- Let us speak edification to build up people. *Proverbs 15:4 and 1 Corinthians 14:3*
- Let us speak comfort to encourage people.
- Let us speak comfort to strengthen people.

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