

FAITH COMETH

CAN YOU REALLY GET MORE FAITH?

It can become problematic to think you have more faith than you really have. Some people try to operate in a higher degree than they have developed and when they experience disappointment or failure as a result, they simply give up on believing God altogether. According to Romans 12, verse 3 in the New Living Translation (NLT), you should assess your faith level before attempting to “step out of faith”: “Because of the privilege and authority God has given me, I give each of you this warning: Don’t think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us.”

In other words, if you think your faith is at the brand-new Cadillac level when it is really at the old Chevy level (nothing against the Chevy), then you should recognize where your faith needs some development. The good news is that you can reach the new Cadillac level through the development process but bragging about the new Cadillac you think you are ready for won’t get you there. God has a sure-fire way for you to build up your faith, but it requires a commitment on your part.

Romans 10:17 says, “Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God.” Faith comes as you continuously hear God’s word preached. Then you must practice what you hear. In fact, if you really want to find out how much faith you have, try loving your enemies and forgiving those who have wronged you. Then you’ll really know where you stand!

I have never heard anyone say how easy it was to love an enemy or to forgive them, but Jesus essentially said in Mark 11: 23 - 26, that while you are praying for a mountain to move you also need to forgive. You might conclude that the same faith that does the forgiving also moves the mountains! After all, God forgave us before we came to this earth and started on the path of sin.

Whenever I need more faith, I come to God’s word to hear what He said about my situation. I also go out and find teaching and preaching on the subject which is easy now with social media sources like YouTube. If you have found yourself running a faith deficit lately, it could be that you need to build more faith.

As Paul once did with the early Church, I want to encourage you to press for the faith level you want to attain to. Jude 1:3 says, “Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.”

You basically have the same world-changing faith that early Apostles and Church had, but you’ll have to fight to develop it. You will have to fight man’s philosophies, false doctrines, secularism, the current culture and the devil, but just as they did, you can overcome if you don’t give up!



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