

HOW TO OPERATE IN "REAL FAITH"



"Faith" translated from the Ancient Greek word "pistis" has several meanings including "conviction", "assurance" and "to wax confident".

The opposite of Faith is "doubt" and it is with doubt, at some level of consciousness that people perform the Law of Attraction exercise and wonder why they are not successful.

Doubt is very powerful, it drives negative emotions that effectively blocks or retards the creative process - opposing Faith.

Real Faith is the Divine Force of Expressing into our Experience anything that we can imagine.

Jesus made this point time and again:

"And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith. And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the

root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you."
(Luke 17:5-6)

And:

"And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you."
(Matthew 17:20)

Throughout the Bible you will find similar references to Faith and Belief.

Before you can operate in real "Faith" you must accept that you are a divine aspect and channel of God - with all of the same creative powers. You must "Know" that God will provide absolutely anything, without limitation by virtue of your own freewill. You must "Believe" beyond all doubt and with complete conviction, confidence and assurance that you already have that which you desire.

The more we can realize God 'within' and thereby our own unlimited powers of creation - understanding that everything we ask for with our thoughts and imagination is unconditionally given, the more powerful we become co-creators with Him.

Keep in mind that what might seem large to you, like the new home of your dreams, is nominal to the Creator of the glorious Universe with its trillions of diverse Suns and planets, all of which were "imagined and spoken" into being by Him.

But at the same time always remember - our true abundance is not in our material things without, but our treasures within:

Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. --Luke 12:32-34

By "bags which wax not old" Jesus is stating the powerful truth that the true treasure, the treasure that is eternal, is within. So we should not initially seek ephemeral material possessions without, but rather the Kingdom of Heaven within. So before seeking to manifest anything into our physical experience, we should always look within and never without with Perfect Faith. In essence, you must create it from within before it is manifested without. Seek first the Kingdom of God.

So what more then can we say about the real nature of Faith? This is what Dr. Robert Russell has to say about it, which I believe represents an excellent overview:

"Did you ever contemplate the things that happen through Faith—not the things that could happen or the things that might happen, but the things that do happen, the things that are happening NOW?"

Where Did Faith Come From?

You were born with the characteristic of Faith, for it is inherent in us.

Protected from the moment of your conception, you emerged into the world with the expectation of continued security.

You accepted the loving care of your parents—food, shelter, guidance—without question.

You not only accepted but demanded in a loud imperious voice the things that gave you emotional and physical comfort.

You took your first steps in confidence in the loving hand that held you and you were not too discouraged by a few bumps and tumbles.

You smiled and expected a smile in return.

Today you walk, drive or take a bus to work, expecting to arrive at your destination all in one piece.

You accept a job, expressing Faith in your potential.

You marry with Faith in the one you have chosen.

In other words, you have Faith in yourself and that is actually Faith in the Spirit of God within you.

You eat food prepared by countless hands that you never see and wear clothing made by persons you will never know.

You trust the taxi driver to take you to your destination, the barber to shave your face and the cook to prepare your meals.

How do you know that the taxi driver won't take you to some out-of-the-way place and hold you up?

Or that the barber will not cut your throat?

Or that the cook will not poison your food?

Because of your Faith in your fellow-man and that too is Faith in the one God, who according to Paul, is above all, and through all, and in you all.

Three Gifts Are Yours.

When man walked out from God's finished thought, he bore three gifts:

Life: Energy, Animation - by which to live.

Mind: The power to reason, select, understand, and know, by which to become aware of God and his environment.

Faith: Trust, confidence, assurance by which to penetrate the invisible and to hold God's promises until they are realized.

What Is Faith? The King James Version of the Bible says:

"Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

Moffatt translates the words in this way:

*"Now Faith means that we are confident of what we hope for, convinced of what we do not see. What powerful words: **evidence, assurance, conviction, substance**"!*

Faith is the belief that you have the power to do all things.

Faith is a magnetic power that attracts the answer to your prayer. Results do not come by chance, accident, or fate. They are moulded by your Faith in your power through God.

Faith is the glass under the faucet; it is the water wheel under the fall; it is the windmill adjusted to the wind; it is the sunflower facing the sun; it is the ear at the telephone.

Success reduced to its lowest and simplest terms is Faith expressed in action.

Faith is a mental attitude against which there is no possibility of contradiction. If that attitude is directed toward God, it becomes your ability to do anything.

When you pray, you have a right to expect an answer to that prayer, providing your conviction is in line with the nature of God.

Your Mind, however, must be so convinced of this concept, it must so completely accept it, that contradiction or denial is impossible.

When you have absolute Faith, there is nothing left in you to contradict your prayer.

Faith is the bridge between the physical and Spiritual world. You have the privilege of crossing on at will.

Faith not only makes old things new, but it is the point of contact between God and man.

Faith is the means by which we identify ourselves with the Allness of God.

Through our Faith, God fulfils His promises.

Through our Faith, His Good becomes visible and usable.

Faith holds the idea of desire in Substance until it takes form.

Faith is the most dynamic and transforming force known to mankind.

To become mighty in the individual, Faith needs only a chance to exercise itself.

As students of Truth, we must work for the highest and most complete state of Faith, for Faith is the wire along which Omnipotence moves. In that state, there is no longer anything in us to deny, doubt, or divide the Truth that we affirm.

We shall never perfect our Faith by merely talking about it, reading about it, waiting for it or wishing for it; we perfect it by applying it to every phase of our living, to the little as well as to the big problems in our lives.

Faith is not just a stirring-up of the imagination.

Faith is an actual power which acts upon our words.

Faith enables us to see things as God sees them, without blur or distortion.

Faith not only leads man into a definite course of action but opens the way for the Power to flow along the uncongested circuits of his thought. No longer hampered by doubts, fears, and worries, man becomes, as Emerson says:

"The inlet and the outlet for all that there is in God."

The highest Faith is whole, continuous, triumphant, and victorious. It admits no contrary evidence, no fear, no opposition, no separation, and no limitation.

Hope says that it could happen or it might happen.

Faith says that it will happen.

Faith is the moving force in all creative processes.

Faith is the agent of healing, of prayer, and of demonstration.

Faith is the power to accomplish all things through Christ. All things are yours; and ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's.

The man of Faith experiences Wholeness. "Thy Faith hath made thee whole", said Jesus to the woman who touched His garment in search of healing, to the blind beggar, Bartimaeus, and to the leper who returned to give glory to God.

Faith is an Individual Power.

Why did Jesus pinpoint thy Faith?

Why not the Faith of someone better trained or better equipped spiritually than you recognize yourself to be?

He was showing us that the whole process takes place within the individual Consciousness first, within my Consciousness if I am seeking the rewards of Faith, within yours if you wish to experience Wholeness.

Why do we ask for another's help?

Why do we have practitioners?

When the evidence of the senses seems to overpower us, when we cannot see reality through the cloud of false evidence, we are often compelled to seek the help of one whose vision is not obscured by our problem.

But unless we meet the Faith of the helper with one-hundred percent agreement, we are no better off than we were initially. Our Faith is still essential.

The Answer Precedes the Problem.

Do you remember the place in which Jesus could do no mighty works because of their unbelief?

Could healing not have taken place in Nazareth?

The Truth is that "the works" were already done spiritually in that place as they are in all other places, but they had to await the recognition of the people involved before they became visible on the material plane.

Do you see now why it is your Faith that makes you whole?

Faith makes you whole because in reality you are whole already.

Your Faith simply acts to reveal that which already is. The works come automatically to the heart that believes.

We do not see the Law of Faith, but we know its power by what it does."

It should be clear therefore that Real Faith is one of the most important of all Universal Principles, especially in the context of Expression of our Individual Experience. Taking time to meditate on and understand the real meaning of Faith will be profoundly valuable, especially in conjunction with other Fundamentals of the Principle of Expression which we will discuss in forthcoming messages.

The introduction of the Principle of Expression is already available in the first chapter of the manual below and is a prerequisite to understanding subsequent messages:

FAITH MOVES MOUNTAINS - DOUBT CREATES THEM