

OVERCOMING HEART PROBLEMS

Based on a study by Wendell Winkler

Lesson 7 - Overcoming Doubt, Disbelief, and Distrust

Intro: What can happen to us when we show start to have doubt and disbelief in our lives?

** When faith in God goes, man the thinker loses his greatest T_____. Man the worker, loses his greatest M_____. Man the sinner, loses his greatest H_____. Man the sufferer loses his greatest R_____, and man the mortal, loses his only H_____. (Alexander Smith)*

1. What do these passages say about the importance of faith in our lives?

- We _____ by faith. (Gal.2:20)
- We _____ by faith. (2 Cor. 1:24)
- We _____ by faith. (2 Cor. 5:7)
- We _____ by faith. (Heb.11:33)
- We _____ by faith. (1Tim.6:12)
- We _____ by faith. (1 Jo.5:4)

** Yet, we are living in a day when many people think it is intellectual and blasé to doubt. (Winkler)*

2. keystones to hang your faith on and help your convictions:

- Believe that God is. (Heb.11:6)
- Believe that Christ is God's son and my savior. (1 Jo.4:14)
- Believe that the bible is verbally inspired and is my one and only unerring guide life & heaven. (2 Tim.3:16-17)
- Believe that God has one church & that salvation can be enjoyed in it and that I am a member of it. (Matt.16:18, Eph. 4:4-6, 5:23)
- Believe that there is a real heaven to gain and a real hell to avoid and I will spend eternity in one of these places. (Matt.25:46, 1 Cor.5)
- Believe that you were created for a purpose; to glorify God. (1 Cor.10:31)

- Believe that God hears you when you pray, that He works for me in my life, he provides for me, and in His goodness will fulfill every promise that He has made to me. (Ro.8:28, 1 Pet.3:12, 2 Pet.3:9)

A faith to live by is so important because faith makes the uplook good, the outlook bright, the inlook favorable, and the future glorious! (Anonymous)

3. In Place of Doubt, Disbelief, and Distrust; Let Us Have Faith In God!

- Let us have faith and trust in the P_____ of God! (Psa.14:1, 2 Chron.20:20, Gen.1:1)
- Let us have faith and trust in the P_____ of God! (Gen.18:14,Matt.19:26,Luke1:37)
- Let us have faith and trust in the P_____ of God! (Phil. 4:19, also the life of Joseph)
- Let us have faith and trust in the P_____ of God! (Psa.139:7-12)
- Let us have faith and trust in the P_____ of God! (Psa. 119:159-160)

4. In Place of Doubt, Disbelief, and Distrust; Let Us Have Faith In Others!

- Christ had faith in _____! (Matt.28:17-20)
- Barnabas had faith in _____! (Acts 9:26-27)
- Barnabas also have faith in _____! (Acts 15:36-41)
- L_____ will help us believe in others! (1 Cor. 13:5-7)
- Think of those in your life that you believed in!

5. In Place of Doubt, Disbelief, and Distrust; Let Us Have Faith In Ourselves!

- We ought to have C_____ in the abilities/gifts that God has given us! (Phil. 4:13)
- We should never think that we are a N_____!

6. In Place of Doubt, Disbelief, and Distrust; Let Us Have Faith In The Fact That We Are Saved!

- We can know we are saved based on the work of the _____. (Ro.8:16)
- We can know we are saved because God shows no _____. (Acts 10:34-35)
- We can know we are saved because God cannot _____. (Titus 1:2)