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The Christian Life

Many people call themselves Christian but their fruit often proves otherwise. In my estimation there are three important things every authentic believer must commit to every day. They must believe, they must pray and they must forgive. Let's talk about believing. Some Christians don't know what to believe.

John 20:29 Jesus said to Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

Jesus is asking us to believe things we have never seen. He wants us to believe in what He has seen. If you can believe in something you have never seen then it can be said of you that you have faith. You must understand that God can do so much with one person who believes Him. God chose one man that was seventy-five years old and still living at home, his name was Abram. Because this man forsook the gods of his father and obeyed the Most High God he was able to form entire nations from his faith. Abram became the nation of Israel from just one son and now God has many sons.

Mark 5:36 When Jesus heard the news that Jairus' daughter had died, He turned to Jairus and said: fear not only believe.

Jesus went to Jairus' house. He put out all the "unbelievers" and raised his daughter from the dead, declaring that she was only asleep. Jesus was never restricted to natural laws, the anointing of the Holy Spirit empowered Him to work miracles. Jesus was able to work miracles with everyone who believed and He has never changed His mind. God will do things for believers He cannot do with those who have no faith in Him.

John 20:31 The miracles of Jesus are recorded that you may believe that Jesus is the anointed One, the Son of God, and that when you believe, you will see the blessings through His Name.

Jesus anointed and assigned certain men to record His life of the supernatural so we have something to anchor our

faith to. Faith is a choice that when embraced can become a gift. Our faith touches the heart of the Father. After Jesus rose from the dead He could have walked down the street with His hands in the air to prove He was alive. If He had done that He would have "started" the people believing and after He went to Heaven someone would have talked them out of what they "saw". Natural events do not produce the God kind of faith, this kind of faith comes from God alone.

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet they believe.

Natural faith comes from natural experience but Bible faith comes from His experience. We must go out of our way in order to believe, whosoever chooses such a life can have it. God is not in control of the world system, the devil is, so without faith we are subject to the whims of the devil. For it is by faith that we live above the evil in this world.



Faith is Released in Prayer

If a man Claims to live the Christian life then he must be a man of all the prayer options.

All prayer is good but not all prayer is approved of God. If you're going to pray, then take the time to pray prayers God will hear. God does not deal with what we "mean", He works with what we say. Not everything man calls prayer is prayer. The Catholics pray a thing they call the "rosary", it is nothing more than vain repetition.

Mathew 6:7 When you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do: for they think they shall be heard for their much speaking.

The longer a man prays the more opportunity he has to adlib, he will add all kinds of things that mean nothing. If a man wants to spend much time in prayer he ought to pray in tongues and trust the Holy Spirit. Praying according to the will of God is our password, it opens Heaven's treasury. I have a

the Word of God praying.

I John 5:14-15 We have this confidence, if we ask the Lord anything that is according to His will, He hears us. And when we know He hears us, then we know that we have the petitions that we desire of Him.

Not only should Christians be praying but they should be receiving the answers to those prayers. Answered prayer is a big part of our testimony of faith. Testimonies always garner attention. People need to know what Jesus has done and what He is doing, and we must never fabricate testimonies. God can defend Himself and His record, He just needs honest representatives. On the border of my wife's license plate it says, prayer changes things. What if we don't pray? If we don't have an established prayer life we will need to deal

Mathew 6:6 Enter your closet and pray the Father in secret; and the Father which sees in secret shall reward you openly.

You can readily spot a person who prays, the one who doesn't and those in between. People who walk closely with the Lord are always getting some blessing, those who are still waiting do not spend much quality time with the Master. If a man claims to live the Christian life then he must be a man of all the prayer options. I know some folks who their entire life they only prayed one prayer and it was not a Bible prayer.

Bless us, O Lord and these, thy gifts, which we are about to receive from thy bounty, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

They say this before eating, I don't know who wrote this prayer but it wasn't God. My Bible says that every creature is good to eat when it is received with thanksgiving for it is sanctified by the Word of God and prayer. My dad always told me this one thing: if anything is worth doing, then do it right. Homemade prayers will make you feel good but they do not move the hand of God. Prayer can be a matter of life and death, choose life.



difficult time releasing my faith for some of the prayers some folks say. I have no problem believing with people who take

with the status quo. Do you know what the definition of insanity is? It's never praying but expecting God to bless your life.

Can You Forgive?

One of the most amazing attributes of a Christian's life is their willingness to forgive even the most vile person. Jesus forgave the men while they drove nails through His hands. One day, years ago, I had a very attractive young lady come and talk with me. She and her husband were having problems in their marriage and she could not give herself to him in the bedroom. After talking to her for awhile she told me that her dad and uncle had molested her as a child and so to her sex was not a good thing. It came down to one obstacle in her life, she needed to forgive her abusers and put them out of her life forever. She couldn't do it, the pain and memory was too intense. I did not know how to help her but I knew God did, so I went off to pray. The Lord lead me to Mathew 18 and showed me the answer she needed.

king for mercy. The king forgave him the debt. But then the man found another man that owed him twenty dollars and had him thrown in prison. Here is what the Lord wanted me to see. Anything we need to forgive anyone of is equivalent to a twenty dollar debt but what we owe God is equal to a twenty million dollar debt.

Our debt to Jesus for dying for us far surpasses anything anyone would ever owe us. I met with the sister again and explained this Scripture to her. What her dad and uncle did to her was terrible, but by God's economy their debt to her was twenty dollars and her debt to God was twenty million. She thanked me and began to approach her problem based on this revelation and things began to improve with her husband.

If we cannot forgive, our Father is not obligated to forgive us and then all of our prayers are in jeopardy. The devil is well aware of this and he encourages us to protect our flesh, our ego. If the Lord had forgiven all of our sins then we have no right to hold a grudge against someone. When a believer wants God's best they are willing to do whatever is required of them. When you're determined to please the Father, nothing is too hard to perform because God imparts His grace to deal with our flesh. Our flesh is a vital part of our existence, but it can also be a hinderance because our newborn spirit wants to serve the Lord.

2 Corinthians 2:10-11 We must be willing to forgive lest satan should get an advantage of us: For we are not ignorant of his devices (purpose).

The devil knows that unforgiveness will sink our ship so he encourages us to hate those who wrong us. But if you are aware of his plots and schemes you can remove your flesh from his plans. Nothing irritates the devil more than for a Christians to remove themselves from his menu. Can you forgive? Yes, you can and if it is too

difficult God has a grace that will empower you.



Mathew 18 A man owed the king twenty million dollars and he couldn't pay. The king ordered him to be put in prison but the man fell to his knees and begged the

Mark 11:25-26 And when you stand praying, forgive. But if you will not forgive, neither will your Father in Heaven forgive you.

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Turn Your Light On

It would appear that many Christians do not want their identity discovered. They want to stay in the background and even hide in a closet, they fear a challenge to their faith.

Mathew 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven.

Jesus openly died on the cross for us, He was not ashamed of us or our sins. Why should we sneak around trying to avoid detection? Not everyone is called to be a street evangelist, but we are called on to let people see the difference God has made in our lives. The heathen and the unbelievers need to know that God loves them and He has died for them. They need to know someone

who has connections to the Lord Himself. I used to play golf with the heathens, now I shoot trap with a whole new batch of them rascals.

I never tell them I am a Christian but they know because I don't cuss with them, I won't drink their booze and I never criticize them. They know there is something different about me because I got my light on and they are attracted to it like moths. In a world that is totally influenced by demonic powers, a Christian should stand out and be a beacon of hope. A believer should leave no doubt of his life in Christ, and they can do it without being a zealot. If a Christian comes on too strong they can appear

judgmental and turn people off. Just act like a person God has redeemed from sin and let your light so shine.



*Let your
light shine.*