The Operation of Faith

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Matthew 17:14-21, Romans 10:9-10, Mark 11:23, Mark 4:13

And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a certain man, kneeling down to him, and saying,

Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatick, and sore vexed: for ofttimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water.

And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him.

Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me.

And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour.

Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out?

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.

Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.

When our faith falls short, God has an answer for us.

People don't want to face the facts that they prayed something and it didn't work.

Romans 10:9

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

Romans 10:10

For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

If you want to increase your prayer life, you have to increase your prayer life.

A life of prayer prepares you for effective prayer.

A life of faithfulness prepares you for effective faithfulness.

Mark 11:23

For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

Mark 4:13

And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables?

Prayer is sowing good seed in your heart. Fasting is taking the bad seed out of your heart and keeping it out.

Any time the fruit of the spirit is not being manifest in what you are doing, take a step back.

You can't allow bad seed into your heart because it will bear fruit.