

WIGGLESWORTH HAD LESS

LESSON 24 – OUTLINE

- I. I went to Omaha, Nebraska, to minister not long after seeing someone raised from the dead.
 - A. I knew my faith was working, and things were going good.
 - B. So, I walked over, grabbed this fellow by the hand, and lifted him up out of his wheelchair.
 - C. Even though faith was present, I didn't see the desired result.
 - D. This brought me much confusion.
 - E. Then, finally, I recognized my problem while reading a book about Smith Wigglesworth.
- II. Smith and I both had *"the measure of faith"* (Rom. 12:3).
 - A. But I was too easily swayed by what other people thought, as well as by fear, embarrassment, and pity for this guy.

How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only?

JOHN 5:44

- B. Wigglesworth didn't have more than I did; he had less—less unbelief.
 - C. Wigglesworth understood the difference between godly compassion and human pity.
 - D. So, he was hard, insensitive, and unfeeling toward unbelief.
- III. Like Jesus' disciples in Matthew 17, I had both faith and unbelief working at the same time when I was in Omaha.
 - A. The Lord said, "It's your unbelief that's the problem. Without unbelief working against it, your faith doesn't need to be any bigger than a mustard seed to get the job done" (Matt. 17:20, paraphrase mine).
 - B. Instead of trying to shoot your faith through the roof, pull the plug on your unbelief, drain it to zero, and you'll find that your faith is strong enough to accomplish anything you need.

That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart.

MARK 11:23, EMPHASIS MINE

- IV. To get the results you're after, you must be single-minded and focused (James 1:7-8)!
- A. Abraham didn't allow himself to think on anything contrary to what God had told him.

Who against hope believed in hope, that he [Abraham] might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be. [19] And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb.

ROMANS 4:18-19, BRACKETS MINE

- B. You can't be tempted with anything you don't think.
- C. If your thoughts are only on God, then all you will be tempted with is to believe and trust Him.
- D. But if your thoughts are on things other than God, then you could be tempted with those things.
- E. A fleeting thought doesn't mean you're in unbelief, but when you consider, entertain, study, deliberate, examine, and ponder it, you'll be tempted.
- V. Unbelief comes through your thought process.
- A. It doesn't take a lot of faith to receive from God; it takes a pure, simple, childlike faith.
- B. However, most of us as Christians are baptized in unbelief.
- C. We're still so plugged in to the world's negativity that it's a miracle our faith has accomplished what it has.
- D. We know God wants to bless us.
- E. We're asking for it and heading in that direction, but we're loaded down with all of this unbelief.
- VI. Now that God has shown me this, I've started living a more separated life.
- A. I don't watch or listen to things I used to.
- B. Because of this, my faith is purer—it's not as diluted now.
- C. I don't have as many thoughts of unbelief as before, because I quit opening myself up to things that give me opportunity for it.

LESSON 24 – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

My teaching *Hardness of Heart* will answer many of your questions about this Lesson. It's one of the greatest things the Lord has ever shown me!

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LESSON 24 – DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. According to James 2:16, does wishing someone well but not giving them what they need profit?
2. Paul said what he said in Romans 12:3 through what?
3. Who did he say it to?
4. Should we think more highly of ourselves than we ought?
5. According to John 5:44, does seeking one another's honor hinder our believing?
6. From whom should we seek honor only?
7. According to Matthew 17:20, the disciples couldn't cast the demon out of the boy because of what?
8. According to James 1:7-8, who is unstable in all their ways?
9. Will they receive anything from the Lord?
10. Double-mindedness hinders our ability to what from the Lord?
11. According to Mark 11:23, what are we to speak to?
12. According to Romans 4:18-19, who believed in hope?
13. God had spoken that Abraham would become the father of what?
14. Was he weak in faith?
15. What did Abraham consider not?
 - A. His own body now dead
 - B. He was about a hundred years old
 - C. The deadness of Sarah's womb
 - D. All of the above
 - E. None of the above
16. According to Mark 9:14-18, what did this boy have?
17. According to Mark 9:19-24, all things are possible to whom?
18. According to Mark 9:25-29, whom did Jesus rebuke?

19. What did the boy appear like once the deaf and dumb spirit came out of him?
20. What happened when Jesus took the boy by the hand and lifted him up?

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LESSON 24 – SCRIPTURES

JAMES 2:16

And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?

ROMANS 12:3

For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

JOHN 5:44

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MATTHEW 17:20

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.

JAMES 1:7-8

For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. [8] A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

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.

ROMANS 4:18-19

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MARK 9:14-29

And when he came to his disciples, he saw a great multitude about them, and the scribes questioning with them. [15] And straightway all the people, when they beheld him, were greatly amazed, and running to him saluted him. [16] And he asked the scribes, What question ye with them? [17] And one of the multitude answered and said, Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit; [18] And wheresoever he taketh him, he teareth him: and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away: and I spake to thy disciples that they should cast him out; and they could not. [19] He answereth him, and saith, O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him unto me. [20] And they brought him unto him: and when he saw him, straightway the spirit tare him; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming. [21] And he asked his father, How long is it ago since this came unto him? And he said, Of a child. [22] And oftentimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us. [23] Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. [24] And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief. [25] When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him. [26] And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead. [27] But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose. [28] And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, Why could not we cast him out? [29] And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.