

Act on Your Faith

Lesson 18 – Outline

- I. Faith without corresponding actions is dead:

But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

James 2:20

- A. If you're sick, and from reading this **Study Guide** you've started saying "I believe in the name of Jesus that I am healed" but then you continue to think sick, talk sick, and act sick, you won't see the manifestation of your healing.
- B. Begin to act on your faith.
- C. Faith is perfected, made complete, by works:

Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?

James 2:22

- II. Don't misunderstand this truth by thinking that actions produce faith.

- A. Some folks, who weren't believing God, thought, *If I just act like I'm believing God, then it'll work.*
- B. So they quit taking their medicine and they die.
- C. Then faith gets a bad name.
- D. Works—actions—don't produce faith, but if you already have faith, then it won't be complete until you act on it.

- III. The woman with the issue of blood had to act on what she believed.

- A. According to the Old Testament Law, her issue of blood made her unclean.
- B. If it was discovered that she was violating the Law, she could have been stoned to death.
- C. But she wasn't going to let anything or anyone deter or stop her from receiving from God.

- IV. This illustrates another important law of the kingdom: It takes focus and commitment to receive from God (Jer. 29:11-13).

- A. Many people passively pray "God, I'd like to be healed," but in their hearts, they believe they could still live without it.
- B. But when you reach a place where you say in your heart *I am not going to take this*

anymore, when you get the same amount of commitment that this woman with the issue of blood had—that you are literally putting your life on the line because you could be trampled or stoned to death by the crowd, when you get focused and serious enough that you’ll do whatever it takes to act on what you believe—when you get that kind of attitude—the power of God will begin to flow.

- V. Just like unbelief, un-forgiveness toward others can short-circuit the power of God (Matt. 18:34-35).
 - A. If you harbor un-forgiveness in your heart, you’ll be turned over to the tormentors.
 - B. A root of bitterness will spring up and defile your entire body (Heb. 12:15).
 - C. You need to have a clean heart.

VI. Also, faith works by love:

For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.

Galatians 5:6

God is love.

I John 4:8

- A. We need to understand how much God loves us.
 - B. We need to focus and meditate on His love for us.
 - C. That alone would work wonders for our faith.
 - D. It’s another kingdom law.
- VII. I’ve only been able to share a few of the most important laws here in this **Study Guide**.
- A. God’s Word tells us how His kingdom works.
 - B. Study different people in the Bible, and consider how they received their healing.
 - C. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to help you see things that would apply to you and to the people He wants you to minister healing to.
- VIII. God wants you well more than you want to be well.
- A. If you aren’t well, it’s not because God isn’t willing; it’s because you haven’t understood how to receive.
 - B. In other words, there’s something you’re doing, probably some of the things I’ve discussed in this **Study Guide**, that is hindering you.
 - C. You need to start declaring what God says in His Word.
 - D. You need to speak to your mountain—directly to your problem.

- E. You need to act on your faith.
- F. Get committed enough that nothing will deter you from receiving by faith what God has supplied.
- G. As long as you can live without being healed, you will.
- H. God has already provided everything you need, including healing.
- I. If you'll let Him, He will guide you into all truth and show you what you need to do to be able to receive your healing.

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Lesson 18 – Discipleship Questions

1. Read James 2:20. Faith is only alive if it has what?
2. Read James 4:7. Does God make us submit to Him or resist the devil?
3. According to James 2:22, by works, faith was made ____.
4. Read Jeremiah 29:11-13. The Lord has what kinds of thoughts toward us?
5. When we pray to Him, what does He do?
 - A. He ignores us.
 - B. He hearkens to us.
 - C. He says He's busy.
 - D. He turns His back to us.
 - E. He laughs at us.
6. According to Matthew 18:34-35, the lord delivered the man to the tormentors until when?
7. How are we supposed to forgive people their trespasses?
8. Read Hebrews 12:15. We should look diligently so that what?
9. Read Galatians 5:6. What avails?
10. According to 1 John 4:8, a person that does not love does not know whom?
11. Why?
12. According to 1 Peter 2:24, do we have to bear our own sins?
13. Read 2 Peter 1:3. God's divine power has given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness through what?

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Lesson 18 – Scriptures

James 2:20

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James 4:7

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

James 2:22

Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?

Jeremiah 29:11-13

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. [12] Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. [13] And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

Matthew 18:34-35

And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him. [35] So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

Hebrews 12:15

Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled.

Galatians 5:6

For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.

1 John 4:8

He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

1 Peter 2:24

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

2 Peter 1:3

According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue.