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Subject: Principles of Faith - how do I act on my faith ?

Posted by [MMcF](#) on Tue, 27 Sep 2022 21:01:06 GMT

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I was in a church that was part of the Faith movement/Word of faith movement, for about 4 years. Although I am no longer a part of that movement, I was taught some principles of Faith that I believe are valid and Scriptural:

1. Base your faith on the Word of God.
2. Ask for what your faith has embraced from the Word.
3. Believe that you receive when you pray. Pray in Jesus' Name.
4. Speak/confess the promises of God-what you believe God is going to bring to pass, that you have asked Him for.
5. Act on your faith. Take positive action that is in agreement with what you are believing God for.
6. Continue to believe until God manifests/brings to pass what you are believing for.

While you are waiting for the answer to be brought to pass:

1. Examine your heart, and repent of any known sin.
2. Forgive anyone you need to forgive.
3. Obey what God has already told you to do.
4. Praise Him and thank Him for Who He is, and for what He has already done. And thank Him, by faith, that He has heard you and is bringing to pass what you have asked him for.
5. Continue to walk with Him and stay in relationship with Him.

I did not put the Scripture references in this post (perhaps another time), but there are Chapter and Verse in the Bible for all of these principles. And I have experienced them to be true in my Christian walk.

Where I believe we as Christians need to be careful is in telling other believers how to act on their faith in any given, specific situation. I am responsible for acting on my own faith, for knowing where I am in my walk of faith, what I am believing God for, and what He is instructing me to do by His Word and by His Spirit. This is my walk of faith. I can't walk in faith for you. I don't know what is in your heart, or what you are fully persuaded of in your own mind. You and the Lord have to know that. And you have to walk by faith with God wherever you are with God right now, today, in whatever situations/circumstances you find yourself in. And I don't know your level of faith, either. I might (or might not) be able to act on my faith, in a way that you are ready/not ready to act, yet. Again, your walk with God is personal. I can teach and preach the principles of faith, and live them out in my walk with God, and be an example of faith to others, and I can testify of what God has done for me in answer to prayer. But I have to give you grace and space to walk in the light of the Word, and be directed by the Holy Spirit, for yourself. I say all of this because in my 40+ years of being a Christian, and in my 25+ years of licensed/ordained ministry, I have seen Christians try to do things at the urging or prompting of others, that maybe they weren't ready to do, without positive results. Particularly in the areas of healing, and finance. Your thoughts ?

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Subject: Re: Principles of Faith - how do I act on my faith ?

Posted by [william](#) on Tue, 27 Sep 2022 22:51:45 GMT

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Great post... and if I'm understanding you correctly, #5--Acting your Faith is the only principle that's left open to interpretation. (I suppose one could become legalistic with #3--Confessing the Word, but to me it seems less open for interpretation!)

So, back to "acting our faith"... I think that HOW one acts their faith is (just like the other principles) between them and God. For whatever reason (maybe our own experience, or someone's testimony) we like to lock this one down and make sure everyone acts according to script!

I don't think I've ever heard the second set of five principles (while we are "waiting")... Nice job!

Blessings,  
William

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Subject: Re: Principles of Faith - how do I act on my faith ?

Posted by [Mark L](#) on Tue, 27 Sep 2022 23:22:48 GMT

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Very well put. I would agree with everything you said. Peer pressure was a big problem back in the day.

Are you still in ministry? Do you teach your church those principles? It seems to me that keeping a church in a state of grace concerning faith and avoiding peer pressure would be a constant vigilant battle.

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Especially when one considers the question Jesus asks: "... Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" Luk 18:8 KJV

Blessings,  
William

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