# THE MPORTANCE OF FAITH SERIES

# 2 Timothy 1:5

When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.

# THE IMPORTANCE OF PRACTICING FRITH

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#### **Hebrews 10:22-24**

22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)

24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

#### Introduction

- A. We make important things priorities to practice Matthew 6:21
- For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.
- B. Professed faith should be the most important thing
- 1 Corinthians 2:2
- For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.
- C. Professed faith must be held fast
- 1 Thessalonians 5:21
- Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

# We Practice Faith Through Use

## I. Recognize The Value Of Faith

#### A. Value salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** 

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

#### **B.** Value satisfaction

Hebrews 11:6a

But without faith it is impossible to please him:

# I. Recognize The Value Of Faith

#### C. Value strength

**Isaiah 41:10** 

Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

## **D.** Value safety

**Ephesians 6:16** 

Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

# II. Recognize the Vision of Faith

Hebrews 12:2a

Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith;

A. Bow to keep the vision of our faith

**Psalm 95:6** 

O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel

before the LORD our maker.

# II. Recognize the Vision of Faith

B. Believe to keep the vision of our faith 2 Timothy 1:12

For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

Is your faith based on getting the results first or exercising faith first to get results?

# II. Recognize the Vision of Faith

- C. Battle to keep the vision of our faith
- 1 Corinthians 9:26
- I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air:
- D. Build to keep the vision of our faith Ephesians 2:21-22
- 21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:
- 22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

#### III. Radiate the Virtues of Faith

#### **Romans 15:13**

Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

## A. Sharing your faith

1 Peter 3:15

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

#### III. Radiate the Virtues of Faith

## B. Showing your faith

**James 1:27** 

Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

#### 1 Thessalonians 5:14

Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.

# IV. Rejoice In The Victory Of Faith

#### **I John 5:4b**

"... and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

#### A. Rejoicing is commanded

**Hebrews 13:15** 

By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

# IV. Rejoice In The Victory Of Faith

- B. Rejoicing is contagious
- Psalm 34:1-6
- 1 I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- 2 My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.
- 3 O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.
- 4 I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.
- 5 They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.
- 6 This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.

# Where Is Your Faith Today?