

Understanding the Demands of Building Your Faith – Part 3

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Understanding makes us outstanding in life. We must always strive to understand why we need to do things.

You can't know what God is saying to you until you take a step. Learning to hear God is a continuous path in life; as you learn, you grow. You must develop step by step, so you must build your faith.

What is Faith?

Faith is a living virtue with unlimited capacity for growth (2Thessalonians 1:3). Faith grows primarily by the Word (Romans 10:17). Faith also grows by prayer (Psalm 119:18; Jeremiah 33:3; Jude 20)

This is why building one's faith is no cheap talk, it is hardwork (Hebrews 4:10-12). For instance, it takes genuine labour in the Word for one's faith to grow (1Timothy 5:17).

What are the Demands of Building your Faith?

Connect with the ministry of anointed teachers - (Isaiah 30:20-21; Job 33:23; 2 Timothy 4:13; Ephesians 4:4-8). Have a mentor. Always refer to people who have achieved what you are to attain. What you won't learn, you won't know.

Paul, a man of unusual faith, was a book addict (2Timothy 4:13) "The cloke that I left at Troas with Carpus, when thou comest, bring with thee, and the books, but especially the parchments."

2 Corinthians 12:7, "And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure."

Acts 24:14, "But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets:.."

Daniel's spiritual understanding was boosted through books (Daniel 9:2), "In the first year of his reign, I Daniel understood by books, the number of the years,

whereof the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.”

Daniel 6:23, “Then was the king exceeding glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God.”

Connect with the understanding of testimonies of others - Testimonies are powerful faith boosters, Psalm 119:111, “Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage forever: for they are the rejoicing of my heart.”

Psalm 119:144: “The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting: give me understanding, and I shall live.”

Isaiah 8:16, “Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples.”

Isaiah 8:20, “To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.”

Psalm 78:40-43, “How oft did they provoke him in the wilderness, and grieve him in the desert! Psalm 78:41, “Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel.” Psalm 78:42, “They remembered not his hand, nor the day when he delivered them from the enemy.” Psalm 78:43, “How he had wrought his signs in Egypt, and his wonders in the field of Zoan.”

Mentors are those who are where you want to be, (Daniel 9:2). We must connect with the testimonies of others who have walked with God, (Psalm 119:111-114; Isaiah 9:20; Psalm 78:40-41).