

THE SECRET SAUCE - PRAYER AND FASTING

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I. PRAYER - Basic Principles of establishing prayer in our lives

- A. **1) When and Where** - Set a time and place
- B. **2) What** - Pray Word based prayers
- C. **3) How** - Pray Bold, Pray Believing
- D. **Heb 4:16** 16 Let us therefore ***come boldly*** to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
 1. **GOD honors BOLD PRAYERS BECAUSE BOLD PRAYERS HONOR GOD!**
 2. **Hab 1:5** 5 Look among the nations and watch — Be utterly astounded! For I will work a work in your days which you would not believe, though it were told you.

II. Matt 21:18-22

- A. **“If you have faith and do not doubt”**
 1. **If** - *Webster* - In the event that, allowing that, on the assumption that, on condition that
- B. **Faith** - *noun - pistis* - To believe to the extent of complete trust and reliance on; firmly persuaded
 1. **James 2:19-20** 20...faith without works is dead?
- C. **Have** - *verb* - echo - To hold or possess, control over the use of
 1. **Present - active tense verb** - Faith is in active process or the subject is in the state of being
- D. **“If” We can “have” it that means it is possible to not “have it”.**
 1. **Heb 11:6** 6 But ***without*** faith it is ***impossible*** to ***please Him***, for he who comes to God ***must believe*** that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.
 2. **We understand this where forgiveness of sins and salvation is concerned.**
 - a) **Eph 2:8** 8 For ***by grace*** you have been saved ***through faith***, and that not of yourselves; it is the ***gift*** of God,
 - b) **Rom 1:16-17** 16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the ***power of God to salvation*** for everyone ***who believes***, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. 17 For in it (gospel) the righteousness of God

is **revealed from faith to faith**; as it is written, "**The just shall live by faith.**"

E. **Whatever “things” you “ask in prayer believing, you will receive”**

1. **Believing** - *pisteuo* - To have faith; To believe to the extent of complete trust and reliance on. Firmly persuaded
2. **Have** - *verb* - *echo* - To hold or possess, control over the use of
 - a) **Present - active tense verb** - Faith is in active process or the subject is in the state of being
3. **Receive** - *lambano* - To receive or accept an object or benefit for which the initiative rests with the giver, but the focus of attention in the transfer is upon the receiver

F. **Salvation or forgiveness is same for everything else in the kingdom of God?**

1. **Matt 9:20-22** - Woman with the issue of blood
2. **Matt 9:27-31** - Two blind men
3. **Mark 6:4-6** - He marveled because of their unbelief.
4. **Mark 9:17-29** - If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.

G. **How do we get faith if we don't “have” it?**

1. **Rom 10:17** 17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.
2. **Josh 1:8** - you shall meditate in it (His word) day and night

III. **APPLICATION:**

- A. Do you “have” faith? Are you completely relying on Him and firmly persuaded?
- B. Have you thought that your faith would make God do something for you?
- C. Have you been disappointed about something you thought God should have done?
- D. What things has God already done that you need to “receive” through faith?
