

## *The Gift of Faith*

*The gift of faith, like all the other eight gifts, is only temporary, and will not be needed “When that which is perfect is come”. But, until that time of perfection for the Church, we need these “temporary” gifts of God to help perfect the Church.*

*1. Faith is the:*

- (1) expectation (2) absolute assurance (3) complete confidence  
(4) total reliance (5) essence (6) The substance of things hoped for.*

*Hebrews 11:1 NKJV Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. The NLT says this, Faith is the confidence that what we hope for, will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see.*

*Faith knows that you are a possessor of the things hoped for before you receive the tangible evidence. Real faith is not subject to evidence as revealed by any of the five senses.*

*2. Natural, or normal faith, the faith that is given to every man, grows.*

*Romans 12:3 NLT Because of the privilege and authority God has given me, I give each of you a warning: Don't think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us, or (by the faith God has given you) or (by the standard of our God given faith).*

*Matthew 17:20 NLT You don't have enough faith, Jesus told them. I tell you the truth, if you had faith, even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, move from here to there, and it would move. Nothing would be impossible.*

*Romans 10:17 NLT So faith comes from hearing, that is hearing the Good News about Christ. Also see Romans 1:17*

*However, the Gift of Faith is imparted to the person from the God of faith. It is a part of the perfect faith of God, given to a person for a specific purpose.*

*God had perfect faith in what He said would come to pass. Read Genesis 1. He knew that whatever He said would, and will, come to pass. When we exercise faith, we know with the same assurance, that what God has said will come to pass. We simply believe God.*

### ***3. Some examples of faith:***

***Acts 3:1 - 7 NLT Peter and John went to the temple one afternoon to take part in the three o'clock prayer service. As they approached the Temple, a man, lame from birth, was being carried in. Each day he was put beside the Temple gate, the one called Beautiful Gate, so he could beg from the people going into the temple. When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked for money. > > >***

***Peter and John looked at him intently, and Peter said, Look at us! The lame man looked at them eagerly, expecting some money. But Peter said, I don't have any silver or gold for you, but I'll give you what I have. In the name of Jesus Christ, the Nazarene, get up. > > >***

***Then Peter took the lame man by the right hand and helped him up. And as he did, the man's feet and ankles were instantly healed and strengthened. (This is the good part) He jumped up, stood on his feet, and began to walk! Then walking and leaping and praising God, he went into the Temple with them.***

***Acts 9:32 -35 NLT Meanwhile, Peter traveled from place to place, and he came down to visit the believers in the town of Lydda. There he met a man named Aeneas, who had been paralyzed and bed ridden for eight years. > > >***

***Peter said to him, Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you! Get up and roll up your sleeping mat! And he was healed instantly. Then the whole population of Lydda and Sharon saw Aeneas walking around, and they turned to the Lord. (Also see Mark 11: 12 - 14).***

***When talking about the Gift of Faith Remember II Timothy 1:6 NLT. This is why I remind you to fan the flames of the spiritual gift God gave you. The NKJV says to STIR UP the gift of God which is in you. And - Romans 10:17 NLT So faith comes from hearing, that is hearing the Good News about Christ.***

***The gifts of God come by study, prayer, and practice. Stir up this gift.***

***NOTE: In writing these teaching lessons, I use three Bibles. They are referenced by: NKJ - the New King James NLT - The New Living Translation and Amp. The Amplified Bible.***

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