

Faith Gives Thanks and is Glad

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♥ **Faith** Emunah is a Hebrew word that translated means faith or belief. It's a conviction or perception of Truth that goes past reason. It's not so much what you know, but what you do. It also conveys the ideas of faithfulness and reliability that we have in God. It signifies an active trust in the goodness of God and expresses loyalty to His will. Supporting God. The root word of Emunah means an artisan, craftsman, or practitioner. While an artist often begins with an inborn talent, if not exercised, it can remain undeveloped. Just as one needs to devote time, effort and practice to a talent or keep up an exercise routine to maintain a fit body, the soul, too, needs regular nurturing to keep its faith vibrant.

< Habakkuk 2:4 > ... But the just shall live by his faith (or faithfulness to God)

A. Faith can grow

< Romans 12:3 > God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.

< Luke 17:6 > So the Lord said, "If you have faith as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be pulled up by the roots and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

B. Our Faith is in God's Words

< Proverbs 4:20-22 > NKJ My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings.

Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart; For they are life to those who find them, And health/medicine to all their flesh.

♥ **Ten Lepers** < Luke 17:11-19 > NKJV Now it happened as He went to Jerusalem that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well." (Whole)

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A. Faith has movement

< James 2:17-18 > Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. (message translation) I can already hear one of you agreeing by saying, "Sounds good. You take care of the faith department, I'll handle the works department." Not so fast. You can no more show me your works apart from your faith than I can show you my faith apart from my works. Faith and works, works and faith, fit together hand in glove.

B. Faith isn't an equation; it's a relationship. Live consecrated and draw close to the Lord.

< Luke 11:2 > So He said to them, "When you pray, say: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven."

< James 4:8 > Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

C. Thanksgiving strengthens your faith and is an act of faith.

< Psalm 145:2 > Every day I will bless You, And I will praise Your name forever and ever.

< Romans 4:19-20 > NKJ And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb. He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God,

Luke 17: 11-19

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