

Produce: Part 5

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DISCUSSION QUESTION: How is your faith walk? Has your faith been tested lately?

REVIEW

Producing & being productive is God's idea. God values us being productive. John 15:8 "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples." [KJV]

The Spirit Produces:

1. Force (Resurrection Power)

Romans 8:11 *"If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you."*

2. Freedom

Romans 8:1 – 2 *"There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death."*

3. Fruit

Gal 5:22-25 *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. 24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit."*

TODAY: The Spirit Produces:

4. Faith

Eph 3:16-17 *"That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; 17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith;"* [KJV]

Faith is a non-negotiable in our relationship with God.

Faith is persuasion, credence; moral conviction. Substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen

The Spirit produces Faith.

• Faith Given

Romans 12:3 *"For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith."* [KJV]

A measure is **that which is measured, a determined extent, a portion measured off**

This is believing faith that is given freely by God.

Ephesians 2:8-9 *"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast."* [KJV]

- **Faith that Grows**

2 Thessalonians 1:3 *"We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing."* [ESV]

Jesus tells the Disciples that they should forgive men when they repent even seven times in a day if they ask and the Disciples respond: Luke 17:1 *"And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith."* [KJV]

Romans 10:17 *"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."* [KJV]

- **Faith Gives Evidence**

This is fruit. Fruit is what brings evidence and credibility to your confessing that you are a Disciple of Jesus Christ.

- **Faith as a Guide**

Heb 10:38-39 *"Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. 39 But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul."* [KJV]

The MESSAGE – "38 But anyone who is right with me thrives on loyal trust; if he cuts and runs, I won't be very happy. 39 But we're not quitters who lose out. Oh, no! We'll stay with it and survive, trusting all the way.

- **Faith as a Gift**

1 Corinthians 12:7-9 *"But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. 8 For to one is given by the Spirit ... 9 To another faith by the same Spirit;..."* [KJV]

I have one point for you.

- a. **Let the Holy Spirit Produce Faith in you!**

Please note that the gifts of the Holy Spirit are manifestations. HIS presence is made manifest to our human senses. Although HE is not seen the results can be seen, heard and yes felt. The Gift of Faith is distinguished from other forms of faith in that it is a sovereign, supernatural manifestation of the Holy Spirit. You can't work this up! When we get a download of this kind of faith we are actually the conduit, the channel in which the Holy Spirit is working!

"When supernatural faith is given in a specific situation to meet a specific need, it remains under God's direct control, for it is God's own faith. He gives it or withholds it at HIS discretion." (Derek Prince)

This gift is not ours to direct. It is not ours to satisfy what we want to happen. As Derek Prince says here, it is made available to us but remains under God's direction and discretion to accomplish what HE is intending to do.

1 Cor 12:31 *"But earnestly desire the best gifts."* [NKJV]