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## **Monday**

Rom. 10:17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

So, how is faith increased? It is increased through the hearing of the word of God. This is not merely a physical phenomena, but an intentional spiritual act. Come to the word of God (its reading or preaching) with intention to understand it, to apply it to yourself, and to obey it. Such hearing builds faith. Are you listening to the word of God? Will you pray as you listen — “Lord, what does this word have to do with me, how should it change my attitude, what does it lead me to do?” Do you desire stronger faith? Determine then to intentionally hear the word of God.

## **Tuesday**

Eph. 3:12 in whom we have boldness and confident access through faith... Eph. 6:16 ...faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 1John 5:4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world — our faith.

Faith, God instilled faith, this fruit of the Spirit, brings boldness and confidence for living life to its fullness. It sets you free to be all that God has built you to be. Such bold trust allows you to move without fear, to face the future even in uncertain times, to launch out in endeavors of ministry that you could not accomplish (or even begin) on your own. Such faith insures confidence with God, a settled trust that God loves you and accepts you. Every believer longs for such faith and senses a great void when such faith is absent. Do not settle for anemic faith when God desires to make you bold, free, and powerful in faith.

## **Wednesday**

1Th. 3:5 For this reason, when I could endure it no longer, I also sent to find out about your faith, for fear that the tempter might have tempted you, and our labor would be in vain.

Heb. 4:2 For indeed we have had good news preached to us, just as they also; but the word they heard did not profit them, because it was not united by faith in those who heard.

Victorious faith is neither built nor sustained apart from your purposeful attention. This passage notes the danger of neglected faith and the vain lives that are the result. Determine to give faith the attention it requires. Faith comes in obedient hearing not desperate praying. Faith is built through consistent attention to God's word not through emotional pleas. Build faith now, don't beg for it later.

## **Thursday**

Gal. 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is ... faith

John 15:5 "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit

When faith is absent the connection of the vine and branch is damaged or neglected. Fruit grows on the branch that remains consistently nourished by the root. If you recognize a lack of victorious faith, sustaining faith, comforting faith then you have neglected your walk with Jesus. Come to Him, spend time in His word. He is the source of this fruit of faith.

## **Friday**

Heb. 11:33 who by faith conquered kingdoms, performed acts of righteousness, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions...

Col. 2:6-7 Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith...

By faith you came to Jesus. By faith you live victoriously. By faith you rest in His promises. By faith you overcome the world. Don't settle for weak faith. Life is too precious and too short. The Kingdom and your part in it is too important.