

Cultivating Bold Faith
Lesson 6: The GIFT of Faith

The Nine Gifts of The Spirit Fall into Three Groups of Three:

1. **The Gifts of Utterance**: these are gifts that operate through the believer's vocal organs. They include **prophecy**, kinds of **tongues**, and the **interpretation** of tongues.
2. **The Gifts of Revelation**: these are gifts that impart spiritual illumination. They include a word of **wisdom**, a word of **knowledge**, and the **discerning** of **spirits**
3. **The Gifts of Power**: these are gifts that demonstrate God's supernatural power in the physical realm. They include **faith**, gifts of **healing**, and the working of **miracles**.

This form of faith is distinguished from the other forms of faith by the fact that it is a _____,
_____ manifestation of Holy Spirit working through the believer.

Sovereign – one possessing supreme _____; one who exercises supreme _____;
supreme power unlimited in extent; of the most supreme in quality; of the _____
kind.

"Sovereign has everything to do with power. It often describes a person who has supreme power or authority. God is described as "sovereign" in a number of Bible translations. In addition to describing ones who have power, the word sovereign also often describes power: to have sovereign power is to have absolute power—that is, power that cannot be checked by anyone or anything." -- Merriam Webster Dictionary

❖ **THE MANIFESTATION OF THE SUPERNATURAL**

1. THE FIG TREE

Mark 11:12-14, 20 NKJV

Now the next day, when they had come out from Bethany, He was hungry. 13 And seeing from afar a fig tree having leaves, He went to see if perhaps He would find something on it. When He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. 14 In response Jesus said to it, "Let no one eat fruit from you ever again." And His disciples heard it.

20 Now in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. 21 And Peter, remembering, said to Him, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree which You cursed has withered away." 22 So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God."

Quite literally Jesus is saying, "_____."

Through the gift of faith, the Holy Spirit _____ a _____ of
_____, directly and supernaturally, to believers. This is faith on a
_____.

Mark 11:23-24 NKJV

For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. 24 Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.

“Whoever.....says.....shall be granted him.” When we are operating in the gift of faith there is no

_____ concerning the person who speaks or the words that are spoken. All that matters is the _____ of the faith; it must be God’s own faith.

Let’s look at this in the Passion Translation:

The gift of faith is faith exercised which is not on the _____ level, i.e., it is supernatural.

2. WIND AND WAVES

Luke 8:22-25 NKJV

...24 And they came to Him and awoke Him, saying, “Master, Master, we are perishing!” Then He arose and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water. And they ceased, and there was a calm...

Normally, winds and waves are not under man’s control. Yet Jesus received an impartation of His Father’s own faith. As He spoke the word, He immediately accomplished what man would consider impossible.

The reason the disciples were so astonished is because in this moment they saw the manifestation of YAHWEH.

Jeremiah 31:35 NKJV

Thus says the Lord, Who gives the sun for a light by day and the fixed order of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, Who stirs up the sea’s roaring billows or stills the waves when they roar—the Lord of hosts is His name:

Psalms 89:9 TPT

You rule over oceans and the swelling seas. When their stormy waves rise, you speak, and they lie still.

These scriptures, and many others, declare that only the Lord God Almighty has power over the wind and the seas. As Jesus took authority over them, He was declaring Himself to be the Sent One.

3. QUALITY NOT QUANTITY

Matthew 17:14-20 AMP

...20 He said to them, Because of the littleness of your. For truly I say to you, if you have faith [* that is living] like a grain of mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, Move from here to yonder place, and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you.

In **Matthew 17**, Jesus used a mustard seed as a measure of _____.

Matthew 13:31-32 AMP

Another story by way of comparison He set forth before them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field. 32 Of all the seeds it is the smallest, but when it has grown it is the largest of the garden herbs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and find shelter in its branches.

In **Matthew 13**, tells us that it is not the quantity of faith that matters, but the _____.
If a person has the right kind of faith in even the smallest amount it is sufficient to move a mountain!

4. COME FORTH!

John 11:43-44 AMP

...Lazarus, come out! 44 And out walked the man who had been dead...

Three simple words! This brief command was energized by supernatural faith. And a man who was both dead and buried came walking out of his grave, alive and well!!!!!!!

❖ ORIGINAL FAITH

The original pattern for supernatural faith is found in the act of creation itself.

Psalm 33:4-9 TPT

...6 All he had to do was speak by his Spirit-wind command, and God created the heavenlies.... 9 Words he breathed and worlds were birthed. "Let there be," and there it was— Springing forth the moment he spoke. No sooner said than done!

God's _____, _____ by His _____,
was the _____ in all of creation.

When the gift of faith is in operation, a person becomes the _____ of God's own faith.

The one who speaks it is no longer important, but only faith that is _____.

It is the _____ that _____, not the _____.

1. SPEAKING FAITH

James 5:15-18 AMP

And the prayer of faith will save him who is sick, and the Lord will restore him; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

James doesn't leave much room for doubt about the effect of the prayer of faith. Its results are guaranteed. Prayer prayed with God-given faith is irresistible.

Deuteronomy 11:13-14; Jeremiah 14:22

Here are two scriptures that we see that it is God who the One who gives or withholds rain based on His divine prerogative. But Elijah, being a human being, was enabled to pray with God's faith so that the words he uttered were as effective as God's own decrees.

2. Faith in Action

Matthew 14:25-31 AMP

...Jesus came to them, walking on the sea...28 And Peter answered Him, Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water. 29 He said, Come! So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water...

Peter exercised the very same gift of faith as he stepped out and was then empowered to do the same things as Jesus. Even though it was for only a few moments, he still was enabled! Once again, we see fear entering in, and as soon as it did, Peter's faith deserted him.

Quote from Don Basham:

"There is a divine urge implanted in every human heart to step out in supernatural faith and to walk on a plane above the level of our own ability. Since God Himself placed this urge in man, He does not reprove us for it. On the contrary, He is willing to give us the faith that will enable us to do these things. He is not disappointed when we reach out for this kind of faith, but only when we do not hold on to it long enough."

❖ **GOD'S INITIATIVE**

The supernatural gift of faith is given in a specific _____ to meet a specific _____ . It remains under God's _____ .

Recall what Paul said concerning the gifts:

1 Corinthians 12:11 NKJV

But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

God Himself determines _____ and to _____ He will impart each of the spiritual gifts. The initiative is with God, not with man.

This was true for Jesus as well:

John 5:19 NKJV

Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.

John 14:10 NKJV

Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works.

The gift of faith is not _____ to _____. It is not intended to satisfy our personal whims or ambitions.

God has all faith, but He does not impart it all to us. In a given situation we may need faith on a higher level than our own, so God imparts to us a "mustard seed" of faith out of His own total store. Once the special need has been met, God withdraws His faith, and we are left once again to exercise our own.