

Activating Your Faith Requires This Heart-Searching Step

If you could ask for whatever you want, what would you ask of God for yourself? Do you know? I find oftentimes, Christians say they want one thing from God, but as I become involved in their situation I discover they really desire another thing.

One time I was asked to minister to a woman of God who was sick and dying. She said she wanted to be healed physically. But as I became closely involved in this woman's situation, I realized she wanted healing, but it was not her true desire. She was not able to activate her faith to heal because she was not able to focus on the healing promise. The thing she wanted the most was to be free from her alcoholic husband and find a new man to take care of her.

I believe if we are going to activate a Biblical promise then we need to be firm in our belief, and our request needs to be backed by the Word. Also, we need to focus on Jesus, and His ability and willingness to meet the need.

How can you tell what you really desire from God?

1. Listen to your thoughts. They are quite revealing. 2 Corinthians 10:5 says, "Casting down imaginations and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ" (MEV).
2. Listen to your spoken words. What you speak the most about comes from your heart. Matthew 15:18 puts it this way, "But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile the man."
3. Observe your actions. Good or bad, your actions show you where you are activating your faith. James 2:18 explains to us about faith and actions or works, "But a man may

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." Your actions reveal what you actually believe, and where you are activating your faith.

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