

Greater Service Through A “Faith Promise” LIFE - *Because doing great things requires it!*

In the Christian life, We’re Supposed To Do Something:

Ephesians 2:10 For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so that we can **do** the good things he planned for us long ago.

Romans 12: 6 In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. 7 If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. 8 If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly. 11 Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically/but serve the Lord with a zealous heart.

Romans 12:10Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.

Our Deeds Prove/Reveal our Faith

James 2:18 Now someone may argue, “Some people have faith; others have good deeds.” But I say, “How can you show me your faith if you don’t have good deeds? I will show you my faith by my good deeds.

Faith Promise Principle: Through Effort.....Through Sacrifice.....Through Faith

- Be Willing

Colossians 3:23 Work willingly/with all your heart at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. 24 Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ.

- Be ready/willing to Sacrifice!

Matthew 19:21 21 Jesus told him, “If you want to be perfect, go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

Luke 14:33 33 So you cannot become my disciple without giving up everything you own.

Luke 9:23 Then he said to the crowd, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me.

- Understand/acknowledge your inadequacy...but don’t let it become an excuse.

James 5:17 Elijah was as human as we are, and yet when he prayed earnestly that no rain would fall, none fell for three and a half years!

- Understand that it’s ALWAYS God who does it

Zechariah 4:6 Then he (the angel) said to me, “This is what the Lord says: It is not by force nor by strength, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies. 7 Nothing, not even a mighty mountain, will stand in the way; it will become a level plain before him!

The Faith Promise life is about what we believe GOD will flow THROUGH us as we step forward in faith.

- Surround yourself with faith-building inspiration.

Hebrews 10: 24 Let us **think of ways** to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. 25 And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

- Search for Something That Advances God's Kingdom

Matthew 6:33 **Seek** the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.

- Figure out where God is headed and get involved in His plans:

Job 42:2 "I know that you can do anything, and no one can stop you.

Proverbs 19:21 You can make many plans, but the Lord's purpose will prevail.

- Jesus is our Inspiration *and* our Measurable Goal

The Faith Promise Life Action Plan:

What I can accomplish with EFFORT

What can I accomplish with SACRIFICE

What I can only accomplish by FAITH

The Question: What do I have faith to believe God wants to/will *flow through me*?

"Faith makes things possible....it does not make them easy."

How much do you believe God wants to/can do/will do through YOU?

Mark 16:17-18 "And these signs will follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."

Philippians 4:13 13 For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.

Matthew 17:20 Jesus told them. "I tell you the truth, if you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it would move. Nothing would be impossible.