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I have done everything I know and I believe that I have a right standing with God, yet I have not received my desire. How exactly do I act on God's word of faith?

Many people believe but lack the corresponding actions. This article is to give you an insight on how to act on the word in order to obtain results.

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does - James 1:22,25 (NKJV)

And all of us, as with unveiled face, [because we] continued to behold [in the Word of God] as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are constantly being transfigured into His very own image in ever-increasing splendor and from one degree of glory to another; [for this comes] from the Lord [Who is] the Spirit - 2 Corinthians 3:18 (AMP).

For your faith to obtain results, it MUST be followed by appropriate corresponding actions. Faith without works is dead, just as the body without the spirit is dead, (James 2:26).

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The question is what kind of works must you do to prove that you believe God and His word?

I will use examples to answer that question. But first let's lay the foundation.

You act on the word of faith you have believed in your heart, not mental assent.

The first thing is to discover what God is saying to you concerning that issue. It can be through God's word (scriptures) or by listening for His leading, which MUST agree with the scriptures. Then, you must meditate on it until it goes beyond your head to your heart for you to believe it beyond any reasonable doubt. This heart-rooted word is what you will act on.

Your prayer-life must be solid because that is one major way whereby you are certain of the actions to take.

Prayer is a two-way communication channel: you speak to God and you listen also to hear what He has to say. As you communicate with God, the Holy Spirit will lay in your heart what corresponding actions to take in order to see the word, you have received, come to pass.

Faith is all about obeying God's instructions as commanded

Obedience is the trigger for obtaining your desired results. Prompt obedience yields faster results and it has to be done as commanded.

A man's heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps. Proverbs 16:9 (NKJV)

Now, it's time to plan how to act on the word of faith received: plan steps to realize God's word in your life. But before any execution, you need to consult God to be sure that you are on the right track.

Wisdom is profitable to direct. Ecclesiastes 10:10 (KJV)

That somebody did something and it worked for him doesn't mean it is the right corresponding action for you too. Engage the wisdom of God to direct you.

Having laid the above foundation, let's look at how to act on the Word of faith:

First, the God's word to you concerning that issue must be consistently before you. You must not cease beholding it. Anytime you look away from it, doubt or unbelief will set in. Remember Peter, as long as he was looking unto Jesus and was acting on the word "come", he walked on the sea. But immediately he turned to look at the boisterous wind, he began to sink, Matthew 14:26-31.

Has God said it? He will certainly do it. Constantly remind yourself, God and the devil what that word says. Like Abraham, be persuaded that God is able to perform what He had promised, Romans 4:21. Also, you need to war with the word in prayers. You don't watch prophecies, you war with them, 1 Timothy 1:18, to see them fulfilled.

Secondly, if you believe that God has heard you and so has answered you, then you need to act as one who has obtained results. Like Hannah (1 Samuel 1:18), your countenance must be joyful; your words, thoughts and actions must show it. It should be so even when nobody is looking. This proves that you actually believe.

God told the Israelites that He had given them Sihon, king of Hesbon and his land, but they were to contend with him in battle in order to physically possess his land, Deuteronomy 2:24. They wouldn't have possessed it if they sat back believing only that the land was theirs.

Also, Paul and Silas believed in God's ability to deliver them from their enemies and they followed it up with prayer and praises, and the gates were opened and their chains were loosed, Acts 16:25-26. Again, Jesus was declared the savior of the world, but He had to die on the cross for it to be actualized.

Therefore, if God had said he would prosper you financially, you must go out and find something doing to give God a channel to bless you. He can only prosper what you do, Psalm 1:3. And if God said you will excel academically then, you study very well, knowing that your efforts will be crowned with flying colours.

And if you believe God for a husband or wife, then you prepare yourself spiritually, mentally, emotionally for the kind of person you desire. This is because birds of the same feather flock together. You keep away from childish things and act like a matured person ready to take up family responsibilities.

Do you believe God for children? Let your home be ready to welcome them and be very expectant for it could be this month. Is it a job? Every morning, dress up as someone going to work and go to companies and expect them to offer you the job. And so on. And if you want to enjoy total health, then you must truly serve God with all your heart. This is because if you serve Him, He will take sickness and diseases away from your midst, Exodus 23:25.

In all, listen for God's instructions on what to do and remember never to let go of His promise to you, no matter how long it takes. Like Job, hold on till your change come, Job 14:14. For the vision is yet for an appointed time; But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry, Habakkuk 2:3.

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