

How to Measure Faith

Romans 12:3 - “For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, according as God has dealt to every man the measure of faith.”

Romans 10:17 – “So then faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God.”

“The Measure of Faith”

Measure – *Metron* (gr) – A measure (Strong’s 3358)

- Properly, a measure (the actual measure itself) fig., the basis for determining what is enough (or not enough) what is fair (or not fair)
 - (“Standard, measure”) is the controlling basis by which something is determined as acceptable or unacceptable – preeminently rooting to the Lord Himself as His being is the only ultimate measure of truth.
- 1) An Instrument for Measuring –
 - a. A vessel for receiving and determining the quality of things, whether dry or liquid. In proverbial discourse, of measure of the benefits which one confers on others
 - b. A graduated staff of measuring, measuring rod. P.D. the rule or standard of judgment.

The only way to measure faith is to **measure the Word of God in you**. No Word (sown in your heart), no faith (exercised).

Remember, faith is not trying to get God to do what He doesn’t want to do, (twisting His arm).

Faith is... using the Word of God to receive what God has already given, laid up, put in store for you.

II Peter 1:2 – “Grace and peace be multiplied (not added) unto you through the knowledge of God (Word – Insight) and of Jesus our Lord.

If I don’t have what someone else has, even though it has been promised to me also, then there is something crucial about our Father God (His Word and heart) that I don’t know.

vs. 3) “According as His divine power has given (past tense – a one time, not continuous, action occurring in the past) unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that has called us to glory (*Doxe*’ – *Dox’* ah or *Kabod*) and virtue (*arête*)

Doxa / Doxe / Doksa (from *Dokeo*)

- Honor, renown, glory, an especially divine quality, the unspoken manifestation of God, splendor.
- Exercising personal opinion which determines value
- “Glory” corresponds to the Old Testament word *Kabod* (to be heavy)

Both terms, *Doksa* and *Kabod*, convey God’s infinite, intrinsic worth (substance, essence)

Doksa – God’s opinion of you!

Virtue – “***Arete***” – to please

- Superiority or being pleasing to God
- The superiority of God revealed in the work of Salvation
- Denotes in a moral sense what gives man worth, his efficiency, (I Peter 2:9) the power of the Holy Spirit accompanying the preaching/teaching of the glorious gospel of the kingdom.
- Courage, fortitude, resolution

God has given everyone the whole Word of God in Bible form. It contains all the faith you will ever need in promise form.

Has given - ***Doreomai*** (gr) – to bestow gratuitously: - give (gift)

Grace, God’s willingness to use His power and ability on your behalf, is multiplied to you when you gain the knowledge of God (revelation Word). That is why some people get more from God than others.

God is not moved to act based on need. God is moved by faith (in His Word)!

“Without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he that cometh to God must believe that He is (exists), and is a rewarder of those that diligently seek Him.” (Heb 11:6)

Now faith (insight, agreement and obedience) is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen. (Not evidence of things you can see.)

Romans 10:17 – “So then faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God.”

- Faith comes by hearing (perceiving) the Word of God.
- Just because you’ve memorized something doesn’t mean you’ve heard (perceived) it.

When the Word (insight from God) becomes part of you and you begin to speak and hear it, the Holy Spirit will bring revelation to your spirit. **Then** God's grace and peace will be multiplied to you through the knowledge of God to help you access all that He has provided.

God has given us all things!

Our Father God has done all He is going to do about our finances, our health or total well being.

II Peter 1:3 - Says God **has given!** He has already given to us. He is not going to do anymore about it, no more than he is going to allow Jesus to die again!

Jesus has already provided all these things in the finished work on the cross. It is so settled and done that He sat down at the right hand of the Father.

All these things belong to you and me! It's just a matter of **tapping into** what God has already freely, willingly given.

Tap in by ACTIVATING the (your) measure of faith:

- ❖ **Take the Word** and **get the image** of what's yours inside of you, and **see yourself** with it.
- ❖ With repetition, **visit your future** on the canvas of your imagination.
- ❖ **Use your God-given authority** and **call for it, pull from your measure of faith** and **command it to manifest now!**
- ❖ **Don't relent** until you receive the physical manifestation of the glorious gifts God has freely bestowed.