

Your Infinite Potential

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Rom.12:3 – A measure of faith

Are All Things Possible? Mt.19:26, Mk.9:23, Mk.10:27

- All Things? Do you believe it? I don't think so.
 - Physical, financial, emotional
 - Getting a new job, getting healed, raising the dead
 - I am starting to believe that it is easier to raise the dead than to get some people healed
- 1Cor.10:13 – NOT TEMPTED BEYOND WHAT YOU ARE ABLE
 - We all have within us THE RESOURCES TO OVERCOME ANY PROBLEM that we face
 - Eph.1:17-19-21 - We are all capable of much more than we think and we have resources that we are not aware of
 - Jn.1:12 – Power to become the sons of God
- Believing that your faith must grow (how much?) can be a hindrance to receive anything
 - **Mt.17:20 – Faith as a grain of mustard seed can move a mountain**
 - Prayer and Fasting – Not all prayer is equal, but the right kind of prayer
 - **The question is not “HOW MUCH FAITH DO I HAVE?” but “WHAT DO I REALLY BELIEVE IS POSSIBLE?”**
 - What are you fully persuaded of? (Rom.4:21)
 - We find easier to believe what we have seen, experienced
- OUR MAJOR PROBLEM IS PRIDE
 - 1Pet.5:5 – God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble
 - It is pride when we believe what is contrary to the word of God
 - GRACE = Grk. charis (charisma) – divine favor
 - GRACE IS THE POWER TO OVERCOME, not just endure
 - ✦ It is not just having some pity we don't deserve
 - MERCY = eleos = manifestation of pity or compassion, providing resources adequate to meet the need of the needy
 - ✦ Not just not imparting deserved punishment
 - Break away from the negative religious connotation
 - ✦ Heb.4:16 – Come boldly in time of need to obtain mercy and find grace
 - Humble yourself before the MIGHTY HAND OF GOD = HIS WORD
 - ✦ He is not the one who gave you the temptation - Jam.1:13
 - Resist in the faith - conviction
 - I cannot overcome; I don't have it in me; I am not wrong, God is, Maurizio is ...
 - PRIDE COMES BEFORE DESTRUCTION - Pro.16:18
 - **RELIGION IS BASED ON PRIDE** (choosing man's ideas)

Scriptural Stumbling Block - Paul Thorn in the Flesh - 2Cor.12:7-12

- 2Pet.3:13-16-18 - People with little experience use scriptures to their destruction
 - See what increases your faith and trust in God, and what robs it.
 - Jn.8:32 - The truth sets you free, it does not put in bondage
- PAUL WAS NOT SICK OR BLIND – (this is religious insanity)
 - He was healed of his eye problem we got for Looking to Jesus
 - Act.9:8 and 18 – Paul was clearly healed
 - Read the previous chapter
 - He was physically strong and able to overcome unbelievable circumstances
 - 2Cor.11:18-31 – He is boasting in his “weaknesses” or problems - there is no word here of sickness
 - The THORN IN THE FLESH WAS THE OPPOSITION AND THE STRIFE he found wherever he went, not his problems
 - We also say this of someone who is a pain to us

- Buffeting = repeated punching in the face
- V.7 – Paul’s interpretation - God did not remove it because if he was too successful, he may have become proud
- In truth – that was Paul’s job – to go into the enemy territory – You should expect opposition and persecution
- Yet, God gave him all the power (grace) that he needed to continue his job

Questions to Consider

1. How does changing the word faith with conviction affect your interpretation of Rom.12:3?
2. Why does understanding the implications of 1Cor.10:13 help you to exercise your faith?
3. Explain what Jn.1:12 means to you.
4. How can Rom.4:12 help you to understand how your faith is directed?
5. How does 1Pet.5:5 relates to faith?
6. Can you give some examples of God’s grace in your life?
7. Can you explain why in 2Cor.12:7-12 God was not refusing to help Paul, but was giving Paul exactly what he needed.