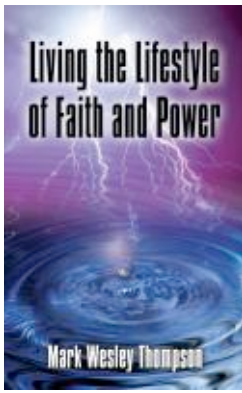




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Faith Is a Lifestyle

Faith is a lifestyle. In other words, the effectiveness of your faith is determined by the way that you live. Many Christians come to God when a tragedy occurs, and they seek God from a position of desperation. But God's word should always have priority in our lives, in the good times and in the bad. We have to strengthen our inner man every day! So when the battle comes, we will be prepared. And, we face our circumstances from a position of faith, assurance, and power. In order to live a victorious life, we must live a lifestyle that is focused on God's word; we must continually hear God's word and be focused on his promises.

To consistently receive from God, you have to consistently remain in fellowship with him and with his word. A Christian who lives a devotional life will see the promises of God manifested in his life. To abide in Christ means that we have a daily prayer life, and we take time to read God's word. **“If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.” (John 15:7-8).**

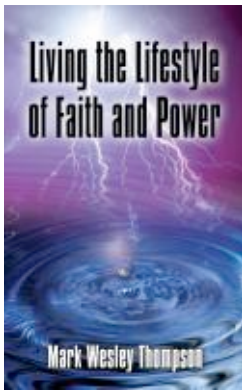
The lifestyle of faith involves consistently hearing God's word. Listening to or speaking God's word produces faith. It also exercises the faith that we have. Not only do we need to read God's word devotionally, but we also need to meditate on scriptures that pertain to whatever problem we are facing. **“So then faith cometh**

by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” (Romans 10:17).

The lifestyle of faith does not focus on the problem but on the solution. Any problem that you face is subject to the power of God. The spiritual, God’s word, created the physical. God’s word has power over everything! We do not deny the existence of “mountains” in our lives. But we realize that the spiritual reality of God’s word is more powerful and real than any problem we have. Therefore, we focus on God’s word and not on the situation. Abraham was given a promise that was naturally impossible. God promised to bless Abraham, who was 100 years old, with a son through his 90-year-old wife, Sarah. God taught him to focus on the promise and not on his own physical limitations. Because Abraham believed God, he saw the manifestation of God’s promise. **“Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be. And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb: He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.” (Romans 4:18-21).**

Living a lifestyle of faith takes persistence, but it is not difficult. Every day should start and end with talking to God and meditating on his word. During the day if an issue arises, God’s word concerning that issue should be

spoken instead of worrying about the problem. Living a lifestyle of faith will assure your ultimate success in life. **“This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.” (Joshua 1:8).**



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