

The Four Facts About Faith



Mark 11:22-24

- The Spiritual Principle of Faith is “God’s plan for us to please Him.”
 - Purpose: this principle will produce internal growth and maturity.
 - Objective: to teach us how to live a life that is pleasing to the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - Goal: to keep us from being barren and unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
- Lesson #1 – What is Faith?
 - “Faith is having confidence in what God said.”
 - A. The way faith operates is – “God speaks, we hear, and we walk in obedience.”
 - B. True biblical faith: substance, evidence, and witness.
 - C. Without faith it is impossible to please God.

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- The gospel is the good news that God has given to the world and wants proclaimed to the world.
 - The early church had faith (Acts 2:42).
 - Here in Mark 11, Jesus used the miracle of cursing the fig tree to teach us a lesson in faith and prayer.
1. The object of faith is God Himself.
 - A. Jesus did not say, “have faith,” but “have faith in God.”
 - B. Faith has no power; it is the object that has power.
 - C. Faith requires knowing the object (Dan. 11:32).
 - Two men went out on a frozen lake to fish.
 - One man knew the ice and the other man did not know the ice.
 2. The second fact to know about faith is its purpose.
 - The great difficulties in human life can be removed by faith.

3. The third fact to know about faith is the way to possess it.
 - A. Hearing, reading, and studying the Word of God (Rom. 10:17).
 - B. We must not doubt in our heart what God says (v. 23).
 - C. Believe in God's authority.

4. The fourth fact about faith is the result of faith (v. 24).