

Making Demands on the Word

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

(Rom 1:16, NASB)

The word of God prevails mightily in the Book of Acts (Acts 19:20). The Greek emphasis on the above scripture was *“the power of God”*. There is inherent miracle working power in the word. However, many sincere Christians had experienced miserable defeats and horrible setbacks in life! Often they testified that they believed the word yet it seemed nothing was working for them. Others reported that they trusted the word but yet the answer was no where to be found in sight. What is wrong?

Regularly, the answer is just under our nose. When we align our believing wisely, our struggles will be over. Romans 1:16 states, *“...it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes...”* The scripture never says ‘believe’ but ‘believes’. It is a present tense word. It is not trying to believe for a while but believing all the time as a lifestyle. We must believe on a daily basis continually, morning till evening.

Many argue that they do believe but yet encounter much frustrations and obstacles. The question to unveil the answer: “do you believe with your mind or your heart?” The real ‘you’ that believes must be the inner man of the heart (1 Pet. 3:4).

Romans 10:10 says, *for with the heart man believes....* It is the heart faith that brings forth the manifestations and answers of the Word. Mental faith is presumptuous faith. Faith must grow in our hearts.

The above verse specifies that the Word is the power unto salvation for everybody that believes. It is faith that displays and demonstrates the power of God’s word. When we stop believing, His word stops working on our behalf. The quality of your breakthrough determines on the level of your faith (Mt. 9:29). By faith, you take charge of your destiny.

In Acts 20:32, we see the marvelous operations of the word of God, *“And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.”* The word is able to build you up. For the Bible imparts grace to establish you though *‘the word of His grace’*.

Then Paul adds that the word is able to give you an inheritance. The word is the heavenly treasury that brings you great blessings (Ps. 119:162). What is the inheritance? Paul states it was the blessing of Abraham (Rom. 4:13). Our inheritance is prosperity in

every area of life (3 Jn. 2). This includes the covenant wealth stipulated in the Old Testament (Deut 8:18).

Faith is the barometer and yardstick of your blessedness. The level of your personal faith indicates the level of your capacity to receive from heaven (Mk 11:14). When you make a demand on His word by the force of faith, heaven's provisions are yours (1 Cor. 3:22). Faith sets the ceiling limit of your blessings (Mt. 21:22). Faith obtains the promises (Heb. 6:15; 11:33). Faith sees possibilities (Mk. 9:23). True faith is possibility faith (Mk. 10:27). It is possible to enjoy the richness and fullness of the blessing of Abraham (Gal 3:13, 14). For you are already the heirs of faith (Rom. 8:17). Make your demand upon His word as a child of God and you shall have sweatless triumphs (Rom. 8:32; 1 Tim 6:17).