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## Manifesting your measure of faith

*Faith measurements begin with determining how much weight the Word carries in your life.*

When we received Jesus as our Lord and savior, God the father, God the son came to dwell within us, in the person of His Holy Spirit. When God's Spirit came; love also came and all of the characteristics of love came as well; which included faith. Gal. 5:6, 22

We have God's very own brand of faith.

**1 John 5:1a**, - Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God:

**1 John 5:4** - For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

We have within us the faith of God.

Say this with me: **I HAVE THE FAITH OF GOD**

The unregenerate man, also has faith, but it's human or natural faith. The person who is not born again, has the ability to believe things, and act on those things in a corresponding way, but it's based on sense knowledge evidence. Whereas for you and I ... as Christians, we're believing God's Word and we are acting on His Word.

When we act on God's Word; we are essentially manifesting our measure of faith.

**Manifest** is defined as to make apparent or to appear; to make evident; or to reveal and show forth.

The following is a scriptural illustration of this:

**John 2:11** - This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and **manifested** forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.

That reference was referring to the time when the water was converted into wine through the ministry and life of Jesus.

Another scriptural reference is found in the book of Luke and chapter eight.

**Luke 8:17** - For nothing is secret, that shall not be made manifest; neither any thing hid, that shall not be known and come abroad.

Now that you have an idea of what it means to manifest, and you and I also know, that we have the faith of God; let's begin to open up this thought about manifesting our measure of faith.

Let's look at the book of Mark chapter two.

**Mark 2:1** - And again he entered into Capernaum after some days; and it was noised that he was in the house. **Vs 2** - And straightway many were gathered together, insomuch that there was no room to receive them, no, not so much as about the door: and he preached the word unto them. **Vs 3** - And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four.

**Mark 2:4** - And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay. **Vs 5** - When Jesus **saw** their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.

Prior to the four men ... letting down their friend into the house, Jesus could not see ... their faith. Why? They had not manifested their faith.

It's one thing for you and I to believe something within the invisible realm of our hearts, where no one can see what we believe, however it's another thing, to act on that belief in a corresponding way.

So then, "faith is the application of belief", "faith is what it does" "faith is an act".

God's desire is that you and I manifest our measure of faith.

All Christians begin with an equal measure of God's very own faith, but we aren't all at the same level of development. Yet, we are responsible for developing that measure.

One of the ways of developing our measure of faith is to use it.

Faith comes by hearing, but faith is developed by using it. We could even say; put your faith to work, or manifest your faith.

You could believe that your car would get you from your city, wherever that city may be ... and into New York City. However, It's not until you stick the keys within the ignition and start the car and begin to drive the car, that you've released or manifested any faith.

Your faith must have corresponding action to what you believe.

There was a time when Jesus had spent most of the day teaching Kingdom concepts; specifically on "The Parable of the Sower". Once He had finished He and His disciples began a journey across the sea by ship. While in the ship, Jesus fell asleep, then the following occurred:

**Luke 8:22** - Now it came to pass on a certain day, that he went into a ship with his disciples: and he said unto them, Let us go over unto the other side of the lake. And they launched forth. **Vs 23** - But as they sailed he fell asleep: and there came down a storm of wind on the lake; and they were filled with water, and were in jeopardy. **Vs 24** - And they came to him, and awoke him, saying, Master, master, we perish. Then he arose, and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water: and they ceased, and there was a calm.

**Vs 25a** - And he said unto them, **Where is your faith?**

Throughout the day Jesus made faith deposits by what He had been teaching and He expected His disciples to manifest their measure of faith. They may not have responded in the same style and manner with which Jesus responded, yet they could have stopped that storm as well.

You and I are also expected to manifest our measure of faith.

You can manifest your measure of faith through the words of your mouth and other forms of corresponding actions.

We've studied the thought of *faith measurements* over the years, and recently, as of two years ago; the Lord taught me something, I had not seen and I'd like to share it with you, in closing.

Faith measurements begin with determining how much weight the Word carries in your life. **Weight** is a word which is relative to measurements.

Weight is the measure of how heavy an object or person is. In some marketplace circles "WEIGHT" also speaks to value. So then, the question you could ask yourself is "WHAT VALUE DOES THE WORD OF GOD HAVE TO ME?"

The weight that you give to the Word of God, speaks to the value that you give to the Word.

The weight that you give to the Word, is the measurement of your faith potential at present.

That's all for now!

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## Kingdom Economics

Are the decisions you make and actions you take influenced by the Kingdom of God?

Economics is a word that has been associated almost, exclusively with finances. Yet, that's not...what the root word for economy or economics render.

The term economics comes from the Greek, Compound-Root Word- Oikonomos. Oikos meaning ("house") and Nomos meaning ("law"). The word(s) "steward" and "dispensation" also come from oikonomos.

Economics represent... The laws or principles that govern the house.

### **Who's house?**

Kingdom Economics has to do with allowing the principles outlined in God's Word to govern our homes as we are citizens of His kingdom.

The principles that govern one's beliefs and values, influence the decisions that they make and the actions that they take, at their house. So then, since our beliefs and values influence our decisions and actions, the question, now becomes; "which system is influencing our beliefs and values? Are we influenced by the World's system or God's government?

The resources of the Kingdom of God involves more...than the resource...we call..."money".

The resources of the Kingdom of God include, but are not limited to: Gifts of The Spirit, Fruit of The Spirit, Righteousness and Healing, which are manifestations of God's Grace; all of which is accessed by faith.

**Faith is the currency of the Kingdom of God and is how we access God's Kingdom power.**

There are two Kingdoms in operation in this earth - the Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of Darkness.

Our beliefs, **values** and ways of doing things are influenced by one of these two systems.

**(Matthew. 12:25-26, 2 Corinthians 4:3-4, John 18:36)**

### **The World's System**

The Kingdom of darkness operates through what is known as "**the world's system**." In Greek, there are two words for "world". One is aion meaning age, the other is kosmos meaning, world's system.

Satan is "the god of this age" and is ordering the course of the world's system through un-renewed minds and un-saved men. The world's system is based on the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life and opposes God's Word.

**(1 John 2:16)** Since our birth into this earth (the place) and into this world (the system), we've been influenced in many ways by the world's system ... unfortunately. Everything, from the way relationships are conducted, to finances, is based on the world's principles which are designed to steal, kill, and destroy. **(John 10:10)**

We were all born naturally into this corrupt system; however, as Christians we are born again into a new system called; the Kingdom of God. (John 3:3, Colossians 1:13)

### **The Kingdom of God**

The Kingdom of God... represents both a spiritual and physical territory! **(Luke 17:21, Colossians 1:13, Revelation 21:1-4)**

The Kingdom of God... represents God's WAYS, THOUGHTS and WILL. **(Matthew 6:9-11, Isaiah 55:10-11)**

The Kingdom of God... represents God's governmental system. (John 18:36)

The purpose, from the beginning, was The Kingdom of God - in Earth - as it is in Heaven.

For some, the Kingdom of God (alternatively known as the Kingdom of Heaven) is a place where Christians go when they die. While to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord, and while there is a place called "heaven",...the Kingdom of God is not ONLY up in heaven, nor is it ONLY in our future. The Kingdom of God is "at hand", "has arrived", "is among you" and "is within you." Obviously, The Kingdom of God would include heaven, but, it is not heaven, it simply describes a WAY within a realm of operation. We entered into this kingdom realm through hearing, believing and acting on the truth of God's Word. (Romans 10:9-10, Colossians 1:13, John 3:3-8) The Kingdom of God, functions in the world of the spirit. It is governed by God and by the laws of God. As Christians, we are to be governed by those spiritual laws—the same laws that govern God's Kingdom, are to govern our homes.

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The Kingdom of God is an invisible reality. The Kingdom of God cannot be seen with your eyes, no more than you can see the wind, with your eyes. Yet, The Kingdom of God is real. (John 3:1-8, Luke 17:20-21) A Kingdom mindset will enable us to be in the world and not of the world.

(John 18:36, John 17:15-16)

God desires that we as "Kingdom Citizens" switch "systems" and transfer our trust from the world's system and to the Kingdom of God. (Proverbs 3:5) (John 18:36, John 17:16) (Colossians 1:13)

Everything that we could possibly need is in the Kingdom of God.

### **The Law of Supply and Demand**

Now, a major component in the study of economics is the "Law of Supply and Demand". "Supply" speaks of those resources that are available while "Demand" speaks to the desire for those available resources.

**NOTE:** God supplies our faith-demand according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

(He - "God" has more than enough and there is no scarcity in the Kingdom of God.) Philippians 4:19

When the "Supply" is greater than the "Demand" a surplus will result, causing deflation in our natural world. However, when the "Demand is greater than the "Supply" inflation will result in our natural world. Yet, in the Kingdom of God, there can never be a shortage or scarcity. Therefore, we don't have to fear shortage. When we put a faith-demand on God's supply, the need is always met.

Without even realizing it, many believers limit God because they have their eyes focused on the limited resources of this world rather than the unlimited riches of God's kingdom.

Their faith fails them when they superimpose the world's shortages and the scarcity that surrounds them, over God's promises. (Luke 21:26) (2 Corinthians 9:6-10)

The disciples had this same attitude, prior to Jesus' feeding of the multitude of hungry people. Yet, Jesus made an economic decision that involved the Kingdom of God. (John 6:1-13)

God has "delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son." (Colossians 1:13)

Our citizenship is greater than that of the "USA". We are first and foremost citizens of the kingdom of God. Again, there is no shortage in the Kingdom of God, Only Abundance and Availability. This world doesn't have any right to dictate to us whether our needs are met or not.

On the day, that we accepted Jesus Christ, as our Lord and Savior, we were literally translated into God's ***spiritual and invisible*** system of Government, called the Kingdom of God.

*Let's look at the following scriptures in the light of this truth:*

**Colossians 1:13 KJV** - Who **hath** delivered us from the power of darkness, and **hath translated** us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

We are in this earth, (the place) and in this world (the system) but we are not "**to be**", of the world's system of operation.

Jesus literally, said these words in John 18:36a...

**John 18:36a** - Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world...

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Also, look at what Jesus said, when praying about His followers:

**John 17:16** – They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

### **What are we saying?**

We are physically here, in this earth realm, yet, simultaneously, we are citizens of the spiritual Kingdom of God which is within our midst, albeit invisible.

The Kingdom of God has its own economy or ways of doing things, and we are to shift our thinking and ways to match the Kingdom of God.

Without the new birth experience, mind renewal and some practical application of the Word, we wouldn't be able to understand or experience the full influence of God's kingdom within our economic situation. John 3:3, 1 Corinthians 2:14

Consider the following verse.

**John 3:3 KJV** – Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

God's invisible-spiritual government, is more real... than the visible-physical government that we've become familiar with, prior, to our, new birth experience.

God's Kingdom and the natural system of government that we know as the world's system, provide a considerable amount of information; yet, we are more acculturated to the world's system, than we are God's.

We've been born of the kingdom of God! We've been TRANSLATED into the Kingdom of God! We are now having to embrace, a **KINGDOM MINDSET**.

The kingdom mindset is what will bring about the change or transformation that God desires for us to have. Colossians 3:1, 10, Jeremiah 29:11, 3 John 1:2

**Colossians 3:10** – And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

Again, we've been TRANSLATED!

It's NOW, time for transformation. Romans 12:2

Transforming into God's image will require trusting His Words.

**Trust** is a word that implies...Truth, Honesty, Integrity and Honor.

God's **Word** can be trusted, as He (God) can be trusted! God and His Word are one! **John 1:1-3**

God's Word is TRUTH! **John 17:17**

### **God is the source of Truth!**

Hearing the **TRUTH** of God's word taught and preached can bring confidence to us.

**NOTE:** Truth, doesn't become Truth...when we believe it! God's Word, is Truth, whether we believe it or not. Yet, when we believe the truth of God's Word, it can work for us. **John 17:17**

The capacity to believe and act on God's truth **increases** and **expands** as we hear God's Word. **Romans 10:17, 14-15**

Let's look at the, third Epistle of John, chapter one, **(3 JOHN 1)**

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**3 John 1:3** - For I rejoiced greatly, when the bretheren came and testified of the TRUTH that is IN YOU, even as YOU walk in the TRUTH.

**3 John 1:4** - I have no greater Joy than to hear that my children walk in TRUTH.

What **TRUTH** of the **WORD** is being communicated... here?

**ANSWER:**

**3 John 1:2** - Beloved, I wish above all things, that thou mayest PROSPER and BE IN HEALTH, even as thou soul PROSPERETH.

**Vs 3** - For I rejoiced greatly, when the bretheren came and testified of the TRUTH that is IN YOU, even as YOU walk in the TRUTH.

**Vs 4** - I have no greater Joy than to hear that my children walk in TRUTH

The **Spirit of Truth**, is communicating through the Apostle John, to you and I, of God's desire, for us to PROSPER. **3 John 1:2, John 16:13**

God has a way for us to tap into the increase and prosperity associated with His kingdom.

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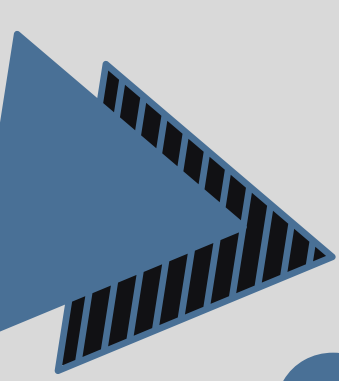
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**Mark 4:26** – And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground; **Vs 27**– And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how.

When speaking of seed where the kingdom of God is concerned; Jesus said that the seed is the Word of God.

**Luke 8:11** – Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

When we speak of sowing seed, and when the bible speaks of sowing seed, specifically in the book of Mark chapter four where it deals with the parable of the sower and the soils, Jesus refers to the seed as the Word of God being sown into the hearts of men.

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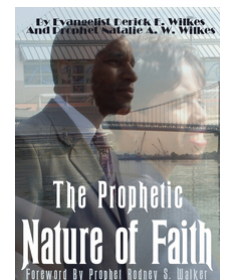
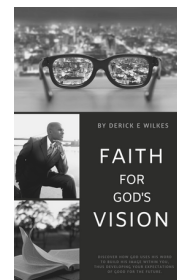
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