

## Beyond Your Foundation of Faith

**Overview:** We were created to give God pleasure (Rev 4:11). Faith is the bridge whereby we please God (Heb 11:6); so, when we use this Bridge of Faith, we must ensure that it lines up with **all** of God's Word and not just with our desires.

### A. What Faith is.

1. Heb 11:1 KJV Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
2. Heb 11:1 AMPC Now faith is the assurance (**title deed**, confirmation) of things hoped for (divinely guaranteed), and the evidence of things not seen [the conviction of their reality—faith comprehends as fact what cannot be experienced by the physical senses].
3. Rom10: 9-10 KJV That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. v10 For with the heart man believes unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession.
4. Mark 11:24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

### B. Mental Assent.

1. Mental Assent is believing and agreeing.  
Faith is believing and acting (sometimes, rarely, the sole act is confessing).
2. Mental assent occurs when we believe a written promise of God but have not yet had the opportunity to act on it; or for which there is no way (or no known way) to act.
3. Most cases of mental assent occur when we believe a promise but can take no action because we are limited in our experience, resources, knowledge or patience; and often, the limitation is fear.
4. There are rare cases when the challenge is such that there is no possibility of action so that the only course available is speaking (e.g., paralysis).

### C. Beyond Your Foundation.

1. Aging beyond our faith level for the same promise.  
1 Pet 2:2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, to grow.  
Example: A young believer is easily healed by anointing with oil. As he grows older, he finds that he is no longer getting his healing.  
**Why?** Without ongoing spiritual growth, every method of healing will eventually cease to work.  
Attitude: Pew warmer. A hearer but not a doer.
2. Outgrowing our faith.  
John 8:31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;  
John 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Example: A believer has easily received healings in the past. He has continued to grow, increasing in his knowledge of the Word, in the Gifts of the Spirit, in the FOS; but eventually the believer finds that he is having great difficulty in getting a healing manifestation for a new challenge (or, as is often the case under these circumstances, for a recurrence of one of the previous challenges).

**Why?** It is not enough to be growing spiritually. He must also grow in the specific area of the Word which governs his health. He must move to a higher level of faith for healing in order to have his prayer answered.

Attitude: A doer but not a hearer (in the Word of Healing).

3. Overextending our faith.

Mark 4:26 And he said, So is the **kingdom** of God, as if a man should cast **seed** into the ground;

Mark 4:28 For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear.

Example: A believer is successful at casting demons out of his home and keeping them out. He impulsively jumps to casting them out of the state. Suddenly, major challenges start popping up in his life.

**Why?** His prayer of faith must be consistent with all applicable Scriptures.

God cannot honor His Word in any context wherein to do so would violate His Word already declared for other principles, conditions or promises.

The principles of the KOG work like planting a seed. It is a gradual period of growth, starting slowly but building up gradually into a huge harvest. During the growth, the difference between 2 consecutive time periods (days, even weeks) can hardly be observed.

Here the jump from cleansing the believer's own home to cleansing an entire state is huge, not at all like a seed growing into a plant. **A desire!**

Attitude: Impatience. A (mental assent) doer and (a selective) hearer.

4. Over-reaching our faith by exceeding our personal knowledge base.

Heb 6:12 .... with faith and patience, you inherit the promises.

Jam 1:2-3 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith works patience.

Rom 5:4 And patience, **experience**; and experience, hope:

Example: Using Mark 11:24 a believer, working as a fast food server, prays for a job as president of a large company. Is this wise? No, definitely not!

**Why?** Perhaps the believer has a mental understanding of Mark 11:24 but has certainly not gone through the FAP warfare to get a higher level job. If he had already had that experience, he would never tackle such a big jump. Desire can be a wishy-washy-wanty feeling; hope is a confident expectation based on experience. This error, made by many people, gave rise to labeling Faith people derisively as the "Name it, Claim it" bunch.

Attitude: Impatience. A dreamer, not a hearer. The dreamer leaves all the doing to God for he has no experiences nor resources upon which to call.