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KEEPING FAITH

- A Plaintive Cry** Throughout the Bible we find men imploring God, frightened by the realization of their mortality, wondering (Rev 6:10) "*How _____, O Lord.*" David passionately cried: (Ps 39:4) "*LORD, make me to know _____, and the measure of my _____, what it is; that I may know how _____ I am.*" Jeremiah (8:21) was depressed: "*I _____; I am _____; astonishment hath taken _____ on me.*" There will always be (Rom 14:1) saints who are "*_____ in the faith*" and countless unbelievers who (2 Thess 3:2) "*have _____ faith.*" It is easy to be influenced by such ones in our weaker moments. (1 Cor 16:13) "*Stand _____ in the faith.*"
- Strengthen Your Faith By Study** The Bible is the only source for Christian faith. (Rom 10:17) "*So then faith _____ by _____, and hearing by the _____ of _____.*" Our faith stagnates and weakens when our study of God's Word becomes sporadic or non-existent. We can't be (Col 2:7) "*_____ and _____ in him, and _____ in the faith*" unless we (Heb 11:6) "*diligently _____ him*" through diligent, systematic Bible study.
- Disciples Of Christ Are Students Of Christ** A disciple is a learner. He learns from the one he follows. He follows in faith, seeking to learn more, thus to ever increase his faith. (2 Tim 2:15) "*Study to show thyself _____ unto _____, a _____ that needeth not to be _____, _____ dividing the word of truth.*"
- 2 Tim 2:15** (a) One must meditate upon what God approves. (b) This information is found in the Bible. (c) Study is work. It can lead to (Eccl 12:12) "*a _____ of the flesh.*" Sustained labor is tiring but one can take pride in his effort and know that (Prov 14:23) "*in all _____ there is _____.*" (d) Study with integrity. Don't "*wrest*" God's Word as do (2 Pet 3:16) "*they that are _____ and _____.*" Some (Gal 1:7) "*would _____ the gospel of Christ.*"
- Strengthen Your Faith By Praying Often** Almost everyone recognizes (1 Thess 5:17), "*Pray without ceasing.*" It goes hand in glove with Paul's admonition (Rom 12:12), "*_____ instant in _____.*" Why is this so all-important? We recommend that you carefully study TBBS Lessons [#16](#), [#17](#), [#18](#) & [#146](#). James instructs us to ask God for wisdom (1:5) and adds (V6), "*But let him ask _____, nothing wavering.*" Prayer brings us closer to God.
- Prayer Is Therapeutic** It assists and helps one's mental state. (Jas 5:16) "*The effectual _____ prayer of a _____ man availeth _____.*" In the words of a wonderful hymn, "*prayer can turn your night to day.*" Jesus prayed all _____ (Lk 3:21), he went into a _____ to pray privately (Mt 14:23) and (Mk 1:35), "*rising up a _____ while _____, he went out, and departed into a _____ place, and there _____.*" Why? God sent Jesus to earth (Rom 8:3) "*in the likeness of _____ flesh*" and he (Heb 4:15) "*was in _____ tempted like as we are.*" Jesus needed prayer to assuage his fears and bolster his faith. So do we! Fervent prayer soothes the soul. It is a comfort to "*take it to the Lord in prayer.*" Praying "*rests the weary!*"