

Proactive ways to increase Faith? I wish I could see God moving in my life.

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When I first became a Christian I could clearly see how God moved in my life. I had much more clarity and could see him guiding me clearly. Now it seems like I'm in a fog.

Is there anything I can do on my part to increase Faith and see God move like before? Some things weren't even miracles just clear warning signs or open doors. I miss His presence.

I've been learning a lot biblically and have been gaining much wisdom. Maybe I'm in a valley right now or maybe this is just a season, idk.

I have been slacking in prayer, I'll admit that. Which makes sense. The reason being is I've gotten comfortable with routinely going to the gym and work (making a decent salary) and occasionally hanging out with friends and going to church.

Anything I can do to get out of my comfort zone? I'm looking to grow and increase my Faith and see God live in my life.

Could you provide advice or maybe a testimony on your experiences?

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rocknrollchuck • 6 points • 18 February, 2020 02:11 PM

When you become born again, you can feel the presence of the Holy Spirit in a very tangible, present way. There is also an emotional high that usually accompanies this, as your spirit is open to the things of God for the first time.

Often, once you've settled into the Christian life, God will be there but often you won't feel His presence as you once did. This is a test: will you still serve Him if you don't feel His presence as you did at the start?

Find your Mission and live it out. You see, it's not God who withdraws from us, but rather we who withdraw from Him. Follow the steps u/Tpetplayr laid out, it's a great list!

agoodcrayon[S] • 2 points • 18 February, 2020 08:07 PM

God used to reveal to me directly of His work for almost 2 years then it took a nose dive. I have thought I'm being tested as you've mentioned as well which makes sense.

It's also possible He very well is working in my life and I have yet to see the blessing as I may only realize it in the future. Sometimes we experience something "bad" in the present only to realize it was a blessing in disguise much later.

I'm working on my mission and building my spirit/body/mind.

Thanks man.

Tpetplayr • 4 points • 18 February, 2020 07:16 AM

My experience has been similar. Go to church, read my bible, but kinda feel distant from God. Recently I took on a large project. In over my head. Desperation and need really seem to drive us to the Lord. I recall the verse in proverbs I believe where it says: feed me with the food allotted for me, but not too much or too little lest I steal, or grow proud and ignore God. Anyway, I think its an active thing. God says: you will seek me and find me, when you seek for me with all of your heart. I dont know too many people that follow those last 4 words. Myself included. I get it, it feels fake, and when it seems like you're up against a wall in hearing God, it's hard to want to do more. I would personally start praising and thanking God for 5-10 things each day. Try to praise more than you request. And read the bible. Ask God to reveal himself to you. Ask that you would be able to hear Him. I've been reading a chapter in the OT and a psalm or proverb, and then a chapter in the NT. There is some really convicting stuff in the NT. Anyway, I pray that God would open up the eyes of your heart, that you would know Him, and what He desires for you. God is always speaking, we're just so bad at listening.

agoodcrayon[S] • 1 point • 18 February, 2020 09:11 AM

Thank you, I really appreciate your prayer. I'll put your advice to work.

rocknrollchuck • 1 point • 18 February, 2020 02:05 PM

This is a good word.

helaughsinhidden • 4 points • 18 February, 2020 04:58 PM

There is power in your words. SPEAK what you've learned out loud in the right moments.

Consider just Proverbs 15

- 1 A *soft answer* turneth away wrath: but *grievous words* stir up anger.
- 2 The *tongue of the wise* useth knowledge aright: but the *mouth of fools* poureth out foolishness.
- 3 The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.
- 4 A *wholesome tongue* is a tree of life: but *perverseness* therein is a breach in the spirit.
- 5 A fool despiseth his father's *instruction*: but he that regardeth reproof is prudent.
- 6 In the house of the righteous is much treasure: but in the revenues of the wicked is trouble.
- 7 The *lips of the wise* disperse knowledge: but the heart of the foolish doeth not so.
- 8 The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord: but the *prayer* of the upright is his delight.
- 9 The way of the wicked is an abomination unto the Lord: but he loveth him that followeth after righteousness.
- 10 *Correction* is grievous unto him that forsaketh the way: and he that hateth reproof shall die.
- 11 Hell and destruction are before the Lord: how much more then the hearts of the children of men?
- 12 A *scorner* loveth not one that *reproveth* him: neither will he go unto the wise.
- 13 A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.
- 14 The heart of him that hath understanding seeketh knowledge: but the *mouth* of fools feedeth on foolishness.
- 15 All the days of the afflicted are evil: but he that is of a merry heart hath a continual feast.
- 16 Better is little with the fear of the Lord than great treasure and trouble therewith.
- 17 Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith.
- 18 A wrathful man *stirreth* up strife: but he that is slow to anger appeaseth *strife*.
- 19 The way of the slothful man is as an hedge of thorns: but the way of the righteous is made plain.
- 20 A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish man despiseth his mother.
- 21 Folly is joy to him that is destitute of wisdom: but a man of understanding walketh uprightly.
- 22 Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counsellors they are established.
- 23 A man hath joy by the *answer of his mouth*: and a *word spoken* in due season, how good is it!
- 24 The way of life is above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath.
- 25 The Lord will destroy the house of the proud: but he will establish the border of the widow.
- 26 The thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to the Lord: but the *words of the pure are pleasant words*.
- 27 He that is greedy of gain troubleth his own house; but he that hateth gifts shall live.
- 28 The heart of the righteous studieth to answer: but the *mouth of the wicked* poureth out evil things.
- 29 The Lord is far from the wicked: but he *heareth* the prayer of the righteous.
- 30 The light of the eyes rejoiceth the heart: and a good report maketh the bones fat.
- 31 The ear that *heareth* the reproof of life abideth among the wise.
- 32 He that refuseth instruction despiseth his own soul: but he that *heareth* reproof getteth understanding.
- 33 The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom; and before honour is humility.

See how much this talks about the mouth, hearing, speaking. Often times christians will not speak what they know out loud as if just reading or hearing it is enough. When I do a teaching, I am truly more blessed than the ones I teach because I have SPOKEN the words. Same goes for prayer, I was raised Methodist, which meant

everyone prayed a lot and praised the Lord a lot, just never out loud. Most all of those people love the Lord and are still in that church some 25 years later, but their lives look the same. They haven't gone deeper in their faith at all as if their starting point was their station in life. The same applies to my life. Satan is a liar and tries to constantly slip lies in our head. Lies about who God is, about His character, ability, power, mercy, grace, etc, etc. Also lies about us, the church, our role, our salvation, our inheritance, our ability, what is and isn't possible, etc, etc, etc. What I've personally done that increases my faith, edifies me, encourages me, and makes me more useful to the Kingdom is to often time, in any circumstance, I will speak the truth that is opposite to the lies when they are popping in my head or heard among other christians, said in love, and I have almost completely eliminated the "silent prayer" from my life. If it's worth praying about, it's worth praying aloud. Game changer for me.

agoodcrayon[S] • 1 point • 18 February, 2020 08:01 PM

Thanks man

Tpetplayr • 1 point • 20 February, 2020 03:51 PM

Amen.

Praexology • 4 points • 18 February, 2020 08:47 PM

Anything I can do to get out of my comfort zone?

The one place we are called to test God is in our tithing. Whether that's skills, times, or financially maybe try increases what you expect of yourself to give?

Maybe give a significantly larger amount of your time to the church-for free-then you ever have.

Try working with the kids group, or approach people in your city.

Lets the results of your tithing help grow your faith. "Wow, I can visibly see where God returned this back to me in xyz way."

juliusstreicher • 1 point • 22 February, 2020 07:39 AM

Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.