

Building Faith Through Attitudes and Actions

C. Sin produces death

Scripture: Proverbs 23:7
Matthew 15:17-19

Introduction

Faith is a sure belief that has to be acted upon. If we are unwilling to act on it, we don't have it. To develop faith we must have the attitude of a learner. Three things that block a learning attitude are:

I. Pride

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

- A. Pride says, "I can do all things."
- B. Faith is blocked by pride by saying, "My ability qualifies me."

II. Money

1 Timothy 6:8-10 And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. For they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil....

- A. Money can block our goal from our sight
- B. Money is a disincentive to faith
- C. Debt prevents us from being people of faith

III. Lust

2 Corinthians 10:5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.

James 1:14-15 For every man is tempted when he is drawn away of his own lust and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

- A. Lust begins with a thought
- B. Lust produces sin