

THE HALL OF FAITH

Lesson Two: “Exercising Faith in Your Work”



LESSON OBJECTIVE:

When you work, honor God by not taking shortcuts and put forth your very best.

INTRODUCTION: Reflect back on your *Idea* for 2022. Rewrite it below:

Now, in this lesson, let's work to bring forth your idea to reality.



Scripture Lesson: Read Hebrews 11:3,4

The first point to consider about your *Idea* is that:

I. Faith Shapes Your Ideas, vs. 3

A. Faith Helps You to Understand - By faith we understand

The gift of faith helps you to understand, perceive, and comprehend an idea.

1. By faith we understand that the world came into existence.
2. God brought the world into existence through His word.

God brought into existence His idea of the world, from that which was inside of Him.

The idea was in His mind. The world was what He wanted for Himself, John 1:3

B. God SAW the world in His mind's eye – “so that what is seen was not made out of things which was visible”

Two Important items needed to help formulate your *Idea*:

1. The Bible – God's revelation



QUESTION: What is a scripture that will support your mission or serve as a basis for your idea?

Scripture: _____

2. Jesus – Jesus is the fulfillment of God's revelation



QUESTION: How does your idea fulfill the will of Christ or help further the Kingdom?

The second point to consider now that you have your *Idea* is to:

II. Work By Faith, vs. 3

Whatever efforts you are putting into your ideas/mission/work, do it by faith. Meaning, solely rely upon Jesus, who is the substance to supply you with what you need.



Read Genesis 4:4

Abel offered his sacrifice to God in a way that honored God.

? QUESTION: What was the difference between Abel's offering and his brother Cain's offering?

These were professional men: Abel -- a keeper of flock, and Cain -- a tiller of the soil. The work of these men's life was spin off of the call of God of their father, Adam (Gen. 2:15). In other words, their calling was attached to their father.

A. When you work, honor God first.

The two men brought an offering to God as a gift to pay tribute to God. The offering served as acknowledgment of thanks to God.

? QUESTION: Are you honoring God by giving to Him first and telling Him thank you?

Remember, God created the world for Himself, so what you do should bring Him honor.

LIFE LESSONS FROM CAIN AND ABEL

1. Remain optimistic about life – Cain obviously felt some kind of way about being a tiller of the soil. Take what God has given you and do your best.
2. Be Responsible! Responsibility helps you to come into your own. It distinguishes you from others. God meant for His creation to be responsible in your life's work.
3. Be Positive! Work on a positive attitude – Cain got an attitude with God about the offering he brought to the Lord. Cain had a stingy attitude.

B. When you work, guard your emotions – Gen. 4:6

1. Cain's countenance changed
2. When he became angry, he sinned, vs. 7
3. Master your sin, your bad habit, vs. 7

APPLICATION: What bad habit is preventing your from fully exploring your idea/mission/purpose? Do not allow your emotions or a bad habit to prevent the blessings of God and disrupt the great thing that God wants to do in your life this year.

C. Abel was righteous, Hebrews 11:4 – He was able to speak with a clear conscious because he did the right thing in bringing a firstfruits offering to the Lord.

1. Abel's faith allows God to speak of his gifts
2. Abel's faith allows him to continue to speak even though he is dead

APPLICATION: It is important for you to exercise your gifts in the favor that God has blessed you. Abel was favored because he did what was right.

Are you exercising your favor, your blessings, by doing the right things as it pertains to your ideas?

CONCLUSION

1. What is your idea? _____

2. Are you working on your idea? _____

3. What habits are interfering with your progress?

4. Are you giving God your first fruits - Time, Energy, Finances, Gifts, Attitude?