

Feigned Vs Unfeigned Faith

In this teaching we will take some time to debunk the lies of the devil, traditions of men, and religion. Much of what we see and call faith in the church is not the genuine faith the Bible teaches. Much of it is simply feigned faith or hypocritical faith. It is not sincere, and it is not rooted on Biblical truth.

Text: 2 Timothy 1:5 When I call to remembrance **the unfeigned faith that is in thee**, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.

1 Timothy 1:5 Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned

- a) Un-hypocritical ("unfeigned") was the Timothy's faith. In James 3:17 the word "without hypocrisy" has the same Greek adjective as "unfeigned."
- b) Unfeigned faith = genuine and sincere faith. So, this is taking about sincere and genuine faith, but also reveals that there does exist ungenthine, hypocritical, fake faith.
- c) What many believers in the church are living out is the feigned faith.

This is dangerous and has caused believers to miss out on God's best for them. **Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:1-11)**.

Romans 12:9 (KJV) *Let* love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.

1. Throw away your pills or medication because you are in faith.

We have heard that some in the Church believe that because they are believing God, they would not be in faith if they continued taking medication. Nothing can be further from the truth! What they miss is that not taking the medication is not faith either.

You do not throw away or stop taking your pills or medicine in order to get healed. This is wrong and fake faith! The action of throwing away or not taking medication does not produce faith. Genuine, unhypocritical, Unfeigned faith does not mean throw away your pills to get healed.

This is a decision that the individual **must** make themselves. A preacher should not be making it for them.

- a) John 2:5 His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do *it*.

Follow the leading and direction from the Lord. You do what He tells you to do. Medicine or not, if you follow the Lord, you are in faith—genuine faith (Unfeigned faith)

2. "If you are going to the doctor, you are not in faith."

Many believers have died and have been hurt by this idiocy. They have believed that if you are in faith, they will only receive supernatural healing.

While some have gotten healed supernaturally and I believe it is better, but not all have been healed this same way, and it does not mean that going to the doctor is of the devil or not of faith. To believe that is simply feigned faith or faith with hypocrisy, fake faith.

Luke was a doctor:

- a) Luke 4:23 And he said unto them, Ye will surely say unto me this proverb, Physician, heal thyself: whatsoever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in thy country.
- b) Luke 5:31 And Jesus answering said unto them, They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick.
- c) Colossians 4:14 Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas, greet you.

God has intervened in people's lives using medical means.

Being in faith is following what God tells you to do - going to the doctor or not.

Matthew 9:29 "Then touched He their eyes, saying, according to your faith be it unto you."

Never attempt to act on the faith of others. What you are acting on must be real and genuine to you in your heart, not your head and not someone else's.

Is it real to you yet? Many people get in trouble trying to mimic another person's actions birthed according to their own faith. We must operate in faith unfeigned (sincere and genuine—1 Timothy 1:5) and this means you've got to hear from the Lord.

I heard a story about a man of God who had a heart attack two times. The first time he went to the Lord and the Lord spoke to him to **exercise, take care of His physical body, and eat well** but the second time he heard God tell him to have open-heart surgery.

When he went back to church, he was criticized as some believed if you are in faith you should never see a doctor. You had to stay in the supernatural.

In which one of the two situations was he operating in faith?

Is it when he did not need to go to the doctor or is it the time when he went in and had heart surgery? **The answer is both!**

Faith is not believing God to receive supernaturally nor is it just going to the doctor. **Faith is simply hearing and responding to God.**

If we are not following His leading in that specific situation, we are not in faith.

He came back and said, **"My doctrine is living! Praise the Lord. I'm more useful to God alive than dead."** This is a powerful insight that I believe a lot of folks need to learn. Again, somethings might require natural healing while others may require supernatural healing. Simply put, we have to hear from Abba Father.

3. Move to a foreign country with zero planning or savings in faith. When I was in bible college, we had students come to

school without money/tuition. They knew it was a Tuition must-pay bible college, yet they showed up with zero planning.

Many immature believers think planning, and preparation is not faith, yet it is.

Proverbs 16:1 The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, *is* from the LORD. KJV

Proverbs 16:1 The preparations of the heart *belong* to man, But the answer of the tongue *is* from the LORD. NKJV

4. Expensive wedding in the name of faith – God will provide.

I have seen weddings in Uganda and boy are they huge. The pressure to spend big and impress is flabbergasting.

Due to this pressure some have decided that they will exercise their faith for the same in hopes that God would provide yet in reality many do not even have a job or earn a reasonable pay to justify what they are believing for. The lack of being realistic is hypocritical and feigned faith. It is not genuine.

a) Luke 14:28-32 For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have *sufficient* to finish it?

29 Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish *it*, all that behold *it* begin to mock him, 30 Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish.

31 Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand?

32 Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassage, and desireth conditions of peace.

i) Genuine (unfeigned) Faith calls for counting the cost. While some think counting the cost is not faith, it is crucial in helping a believer set achievable targets and goals.

ii) If you have never believed God for 500,000, you cannot believe God for 5 million. Your faith has not grown to that level.

- o Setting unrealistic expectations is not genuine faith.
 - o Faith is not based on nothing, with an expectation of a miracle.
 - iii) Hebrews 11:1 defines faith as "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."
 - o Faith is both substance and evidence, not nothing!
5. Marry an unbeliever in hopes he or she would get save them.

We still have believers who believe they can marry an unbeliever and get them saved. This is clearly feigned faith. This is hypocritical faith not based on the truth of God's Word.

While I do not doubt this has happened before, the Bible does not teach this, and it is dumb to do this.

If you are actively dating or in a relationship with someone who is not born-again in hopes that he does and you are headed for marriage, it is a dangerous slope you are on.

You have already violated the word of God, and I doubt if this works out for you.

King Jehoshaphat's and Ahab

- a) 2 Chronicles 18:1 Now Jehoshaphat had riches and honour in abundance, and joined affinity with Ahab.

- a. Affinity" is speaking about marriage - "to give (a daughter) away in marriage; hence (generally) to contract affinity by marriage."

- b) 2 Chronicles 21:6 And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, like as did the house of Ahab: for he had the daughter of Ahab to wife: and he wrought that which was evil in the eyes of the LORD.

- a. Jehoram son of Solomon

- c) Deuteronomy 7:1 When the LORD thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, and hath cast

out many nations before thee, the Hittites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than thou; 2 And when the LORD thy God shall deliver them before thee; thou shalt smite them, *and* utterly destroy them; thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor shew mercy unto them: 3 Neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son. 4 For they will turn away thy son from following me, that they may serve other gods: so will the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and destroy thee suddenly.

The Word has plenty to say about this and anyone who violates this in hopes for a positive result is operating in feigned faith (fake and hypocritical faith), a faith that is not sincere and genuine.

Solomon Turns from the Lord

a) 1 Kings 11:1-8 But king Solomon loved many strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, *and* Hittites; 2 Of the nations *concerning* which the LORD said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in unto you: *for* surely they will turn away your heart after their gods: Solomon clave unto these in love.

3 And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart.

4 For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father. 5 For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites.

6 And Solomon did evil in the sight of the LORD, and went not fully after the LORD, as *did* David his father. 7 Then did Solomon build an high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, in the hill that *is* before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon. 8 And likewise did he for all his strange wives, which burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods.

b) 1 Corinthians 15:33 Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.

c) 2 Corinthians 6:14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

6. Give all your money away in the name of faith or use all your money to support and run the ministry.

I've heard a story of born-again believers who go to work, get paid and then spend all the money at church and not take any financial responsibilities at home. Others believe First fruit means to give all your money away to the church or ministry.

a) Mark 7:9-13 9 And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition. 10 For Moses said, Honour thy father and thy mother; and, Whoso curseth father or mother, let him die the death: 11 But ye say, If a man shall say to his father or mother, It is Corban, that is to say, a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; he shall be free. 12 And ye suffer him no more to do ought for his father or his mother; 13 Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.

a. This is fake faith. Feigned faith and hypocritical faith which clearly violates the Word of God.

7. Claiming another person's car, or house in the name of faith.

Here goes another display of feigned faith. This is so wrong and if you have been practicing this, you need to quit and get a job. It is not genuine faith to claim another person's belongings. You do not get things by claiming them by "faith."

a) Hebrews 13:5 *Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have:* for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

b) Philippians 4:11 Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, *therewith* to be content.

c) 1 Timothy 6:8 And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.

8. Quitting your Job/Work – Going to Full time ministry in the name of "faith."

Many who do not have an income from ministry quit their jobs to go into full time ministry by "faith."

Many are not wanting to work because you think ministers should not do a secular job but only full-time ministry.

Paul Working

a) Acts 18:2-3 2 And found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, lately come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla; (because that Claudius had commanded all Jews to depart from Rome:) and came unto them.3 And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought: for by their occupation they were tentmakers.

b) Acts 20:34 Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me.

c) 1 Corinthians 4:11-12 Even unto this present hour we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwellingplace; 12 And labour, working with our own hands: being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it:

The general principle is you continue to work your job until such a time when you can replace your salary through full time ministry and the demand for full-time ministry fully justifies quitting your job.

The idea of categorizing some jobs as "secular" and others as "spiritual" is misleading and ridiculous.

All work/jobs are spiritual as long as they are godly work (Ephesians 4:28 *Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands **the thing which is good,** that he may have to give to him that needeth.*)

This division of work between spiritual and secular has misled many to think they are not in the will of God if they work a "non-spiritual job."

However, if the church truly believed this divide, it would refuse financial support from so-called secular work—yet it does not, revealing a double standard. Of course they won't do that.

Additionally, others have been pressured to think and believe that only full-time ministry is "Spiritual ministry" counts as serving God, when in fact, every believer is called to ministry and is in ministry regardless of if their job/work is considered spiritual or not.

The confusion seems to stem from believing that ministry is an activity instead of a way of life or lifestyle.

Ministry is not what we do, but how we live. We can minister to the Lord in our non-church or non-spiritual jobs/work again as long as that job is a one that is godly and glorifies the Lord.

Reject the pressure and so-called shame associated with not working in a spiritual environment.

9. Not working and spending most of the time at Church.

This has led to begging-believers who are not ashamed to beg and will not work.

Not working while believing God to meet your needs is feigned faith – fake faith.

I was leading a ministry sometime in the past and I realized that many believers did not want to leave the ministry and building to go to work. So, I got up on multiple occasions and encouraged them to leave and go to work. I asked them to stop volunteering so much that it stops them from working. I asked them to volunteer a little and work much more.

- a) 2 Thessalonians 3:10-11 For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat. 11 For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies.

- b) When begging and asking... They quote, Matthew 7:7-8 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: 8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Ask who? Ask God!

- c) 1 Thessalonians 4:11 And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;
- d) Luke 16:3 Then the steward said within himself, What shall I do? for my lord taketh away from me the stewardship: I cannot dig; **to beg I am ashamed.**

i) If you are not willing to work, you should be ashamed to beg, just like this steward.

- e) Philippians 4:6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving **let your requests be made known unto God.**

i) Faith calls on you to make your requests made known to God, not man.

You have to hear from God to approach a person. I know this can be abused to say He is leading you to ask so and so. This is a great temptation to all of us. We need to ask God.

10. Sowing seeds (money) of marriage, Tapping the anointing of marriage.

Sowing financial seeds of marriage and tapping into the anointing of marriage is not Biblical.

From as far as I have read the Bible, I have not found this position. This is some feigned faith that the enemy has sold to many believers and hinders them from receiving from God.

I heard a story of girls that were not preparing for marriage but rather chose to sow financial seed, tap into marriage anointing, speak in tongues and fasting. They were not preparing but acting in the so-called faith— yet a feigned faith.

a) Proverbs 18:22 *Whoso* findeth a wife findeth a good *thing*, and obtaineth favour of the LORD.

- i) While many women may believe that they become wives only after getting married, this passage suggests otherwise.
- ii) Do you consider yourself a wife? To be found as a wife, you must first possess the qualities of a wife. So, can you be a wife before you become a WIFE? Absolutely! In the sense of the attributes and qualities of a wife, you can be a wife before you are a wife. In other words, you have to be a **wife first and then you get found**. You have to be a wife already or else you will not get found. Can you be "wifed"?
- iii) As a female, you need to be working on the qualities of a wife before becoming one so that you can be discovered as a wife.

This is not to suggest that a wife is a product in anyway but for illustration purposes.

If you were a buyer choosing between two similar products, what would make you select one over the other? Likewise, a man seeking a wife is looking for certain qualities already present in the woman he chooses.

11. #Not studying for exams and instead praying or going to church

In your Chemistry exam, you will not have scriptures and verses. You need. Christians sometimes are so detached from reality. They do not understand that if is not faith to not read and prepare for exams. They put in little effort and want to bridge the difference with faith.

A student operating in true faith puts in the hard work, diligence and commitment and believes God for the best results. While praying and trusting God are essential to ones success, they do not stand alone. They MUST be coupled with studying and preparation.

Faith is not an excuse for laziness.

- a) James 2:17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Faith without works (action) is dead.
- b) Proverbs 14:23 In all labour there is profit: but the talk of the lips *tendeth* only to penury.

Not preparing for interviews in the name of faith.

I heard a story of a believer who applied for a job and got an interview but she was not prepared when she went in and of course did not get the job.

Believers instead of:

- i) Researching about the company
- ii) Doing their due diligence and fully preparing for the interview
- iii) Dressing well

They choose to speak in tongues.

One thing is sure in all situations, **0 x 100 = a hundred Zeros**