



WORD OF THE DAY (ACTS 11:22-24)

"The report of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose, for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord."

- KJV

(SPIRITUAL GIFTS (Faith



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WHAT IS The Gift of FAITH?

The gift of faith is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to discern with extraordinary confidence the will and purposes of God for His work.

IN THE **GREEK**: PISTIS Strong's Number: 4102

In general, it implies such a knowledge of, assent to, and confidence in certain divine truths, as produces good works. A miraculous faith.

SUGGESTED POTENTIAL STRENGTHS & CHARACTERISTICS OF THIS GIFT

- Often more interested in the future than history (Acts 27:25).
- Unmoved by circumstances, suffering, or obstacles (Acts 13:46-52).
- Great trust in God (Acts 14:8-10). • Positive attitude, hopeful.
- Often are visionaries, dreamers, promoters (Acts 9:27).
- Very courageous (Acts 6:5; 7:1-60; 27:25).
- Senses the moment when "prayer of faith" is needed (Acts 3:1-10).
- Is goal centered (Acts 27:25).
- Actively reminds others of the promises of God.

SUGGESTED POTENTIAL WEAKNESSES & WARNINGS OF THIS GIFT

- May be viewed as non-realist because of positive attitudes.
- Can become impatient when others don't have their kind of positive faith outlook.
- Have a difficult time understanding "the system" and why it works as it does to slow down
- Exercise Gift of Faith without works.
- Often irritated by criticism because they are assured they know God's will.

SUGGESTED WAYS TO SERVE BASED ON THIS GIFT

- Prayer Ministries
- Altar Counselor
- Deacon/Deaconess Board Member
- Committee Chairperson
- Evangelism
- Prayer Group Coordinator Healing Ministries
- Fundraising
- Building Projects

Your brother in Christ, WNL

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Find your Spiritual Gift(s) and, find your purpose. (Discover it, Develop it, Demonstrate it)

Apostleship, Prophecy, Evangelism, Pastoring, Teaching, Encouragement, Knowledge, Wisdom, Assisting, Giving, Leadership, Compassion, *Faith*, Discernment, Miracles, Healing, Tongues, Interpretation.

Next week we examine the gift of Discemment

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Dear God, have you blessed me with the gift of Faith? If so Lord, please give me the insight that I need to properly apply this gift to the body of Christ. In Jesus' name, I pray, amen.

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