

**THE LAW OF FAITH - 6**  
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**INTRODUCTION**

Living by faith doesn't mean we ignore natural laws, fail to use common sense or practical wisdom. It doesn't mean we can live irresponsibly and still expect to experience God's blessings. Living by faith involves us doing our part and expecting God to do His part as we cooperate with Him.

**1. Faith works by love. GALATIANS 5:6**

- A.** If we want our faith to be effective, we must walk in love. We can't be unforgiving or hold animosity toward others and expect to receive from God.
- B. MARK 11:24-26** – A woman was healed of stomach issues after forgiving her brother after 25 years. A pastor was healed of stomach ulcers after letting a grudge go.
- C.** Both were prayed for with no success because they weren't walking in love.

**2. Faith and farming. GALATIANS 6:7-9**

- A.** No farmer expects to reap a harvest where no seed is sown.
- B. 1 PETER 1:23** – God's Word is incorruptible seed.
- C. PSALMS 107:20** – The seed of healing has been sent.
- D. PROVERBS 4:20-23** – Instructions must be followed.
- E. MARK 4:14-20** – Our faith will be challenged.

**3. Faith isn't copying another's actions. HEBREWS 11:29**

- A.** The Egyptians had no basis for faith.
- B.** Faith is acting on what God tells us to do in His Word.
- C.** Naaman was told to dip seven times in the Jordan. Doing what he did doesn't mean we'll get healed also.
- D.** "Go wash," "take up your bed," and "stretch forth" were all directives given specifically for others.
- E.** Parents copied the faith of other parents who were told to take their child off his medicine only to have their child die, while the other was healed.

**4. Faith for finances. PHILIPPIANS 4:19**

- A. 2 THESSALONIANS 3:10 (NKJV)** – Having faith doesn't mean we don't work.
- B. GENESIS 3:17-19 (AMPC)** – We can't violate natural laws and expect our faith to work.
- C. PROVERBS 6:6-11 (NLT)** – God doesn't bless slothfulness.
- D. DEUTERONOMY 28:8** – God blesses what we put our hands to do.

**CONCLUSION: ROMANS 14:22 (NKJV)**

Building a life of faith is a personal matter. It's up to us to develop intimacy with God and walk with Him by faith that is born out of that intimacy. It could mean the difference between life and death.