

Believing Equals Receiving

God's Word teaches us that believing equals receiving. This is called the law of believing and is one of the greatest laws in the bible. If you believe, you will receive. What we believe we absolutely receive.

We need to be aware that believing, like a coin, has two sides. One side is positive and one side is negative. This means we can choose to believe positively or we can choose to believe negatively. Positive believing is connected to God's Word; negative believing is being disconnected from God's Word. God wants us to be positive believers, people who believe his word. Both positive and negative believing will bring results. Negative believing brings bad results. If you want to live the more than abundant life, positive believing will take you there.

Positive believing is called faith. Negative believing is caused by fear. Fear is a mean old bandit and will de-



feat you. Have you ever been afraid? What happened when you were afraid? If you are afraid of losing a game, you might lose that game. Fear will tie you up like a rope.

(You may want to share an incident or let one child share an incident concerning a time when he believed negatively and received the consequences.)

(Prov 29:25) The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe.

We should do all that we can to remove fear. Fear keeps us from living the more than abundant life.

(Job 3:25) For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me.

If you are afraid, that fear could bring results. God wants us to have positive believing. Positive believing means we believe God's Word. God does not want us to be afraid.

(2 Tim 1:7) For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

Believing God's word will remove our fears.

(Psa 34:4) I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

Christians can live fearless lives. Peter and the other Apostles became Christians. You can become a Christian too.

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How do you become a Christian?

(Rom 10:9 KJV) That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

When you say that Jesus is your lord, and also believe that God raised Jesus from the dead, you become born again—a Christian. This is one of the greatest examples of believing and receiving. You believe, and then God gives you a wonderful spiritual gift. This gift is called holy spirit. It is also called Christ in you the hope of glory.

(Col 1:27 KJV) To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

Since we are born again and have Christ in us, we don't ever need to be afraid. We know God is our Father and that his promises are true. Instead of fearing, we believe the promises in God's Word.

This is positive believing. Expect to receive from God lots of blessings.

Much Love in Christ.

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