

Getting Offended Hinders Your Miracle

Paul made an interesting statement when writing to Titus 1:1-2 Read.

In the first sentence, **Paul said that God cannot lie.**

This one statement alone is the most important statement in the Bible.

Without this one truth, everything we believe, all our hope, all of our faith would be useless.

Let me explain. Everything in the Word of God is based on belief. But belief in what?

Belief in God and belief that He has not lied and will not lie. God expects us to believe Him.

He expects us to place our entire existence, every thing we are and everything we have on the line.

He wants us to have total faith in Him. In fact, **He not only expects it, but He requires it.**

When Jesus went to His own town of Nazareth, He taught in the synagogue. Many people heard him and were astonished. In fact, they were so amazed at His teachings that some even wondered where He got all His knowledge. But then something happened. Some of the people realized that this Jesus was the same Jesus that had grown up in the town of Nazareth, and this offended them. **Matt13:53-57**

When they became offended, they quit believing what He was saying and as a result, Jesus could not do many might works in that town.

Mark 6:5-6 says, "Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid Hands on a few sick people and healed them. And He marveled because of their unbelief. Then He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching."

Did you catch that? The Bible doesn't say He did not do many mighty works, it says He **could not do** many might works. How can this be? Well, it's this way. All through history God has been moved by belief. He has always responded to faith. When man believes that God will do His Word in their life, God moves to perform it.

God promises salvation, forgiveness, grace, healing, and prosperity in His Word, but it is only for those who believe. **It is only for those who have faith in His Word.**

It is only for those who believe that He did not lie and then they act on that belief.

Jesus died for the sins of the world, but only those who believe in Him will reap the benefits of His death and resurrection. God only responds to faith.

Doubt and unbelief does not move Him.

That's why Satan continually tries to put doubt in the minds of men.

Where there is doubt, there is no faith.

And, according to the Bible, where there is no faith, even the Word does not work. **Hebrews 4:2 says** that there were two groups of people. Both groups had the same gospel preached to them. But the gospel that one group heard did not profit them because they did not mix it with faith in their hearts.

There is much power in the Word, but only for those who have faith.

Faith believes God.

Faith knows God does not lie and places everything on that belief.

When Paul was in Lystra, a certain man who could not walk and was crippled from birth was sitting by the road. **Acts 14:9 says, "This man heard Paul speaking. Paul, observing him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, said with a loud voice, 'Stand up straight on your feet!' And he leaped and walked."**

When Paul looked at him, what was he looking for? He was looking for faith.

Is faith important? I think so.

God Never Lies

Jesus said in Matthew 5:37, "But let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No.' For whatever is more than these is from the evil one."

We must be state-of-the-art in what we say.

However, we must be sure that what we say is truth.

God takes positive words and connects them with positive statements of truth.

For example, He said: Never: greek ou me oo may; by no means; on no account; not at all; in no way.
and Always: greek pas pas: for all time ; for eternity; forever; for ever and a day; at all times; all the time.

- "I will **never** leave you nor forsake you." (Hebrews 13:5)
- "Lo, I am with you **always**." (Matthew 28:20)
- "And thus we shall **always** be with the Lord." (1 Thessalonians 4:17)
- "Love **never** fails." (1 Corinthians 13:8)
- "He who comes to Me shall **never** hunger, and he who believes in Me shall **never** thirst." (John 6:35)

So, when the devil comes against you using the classic words of "**always**" and "**never**"

and he says,

Satan says "You will never make it. God says • "I will never leave you nor forsake you."
You always fail and you always will. God says • "Lo, I am with you always."
You will never reach your goal, etc.,"
then look to how God uses the words, "always" and "never" and say what He says.

Remember, God never lies and He always tells the truth.
The devil always lies and never tells the truth.