

AN ARCHER OF GOD

TO GET THE WORD OF GOD TO WORK EFFECTIVE IN YOUR LIFE, YOU NEED A CLEAR AND CONCISE UNDERSTANDING OF HOW THE WORD WORKS. IN PARTICULAR, HOW HOPE, FAITH, AND LOVE WORK TOGETHER. THESE THREE, WORKING THROUGH YOU, CAN BRING GOD'S WORD INTO PHYSICAL FRUITION IN YOUR LIFE:

I Cor 13:13

And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

Gal 5:5-6

For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.

For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.

LET ME SHARE AN ILLUSTRATION WHICH THE LORD GAVE ME CONCERNING HOW THESE THREE WORK TOGETHER TO BRING RESULTS INTO YOUR LIFE. IN THE SPORT OF ARCHERY, YOU HAVE THREE MAIN ITEMS YOU ARE CONCERNED WITH:

1. A TARGET
2. AN ARROW
3. A BOW.

THE TARGET IS YOUR GOAL. IT IS WHAT YOU DESIRE TO HIT OR HAVE. THIS REPRESENTS YOUR HOPE. THE ARROW IS YOUR FAITH. IT MUST BE ACTIVE TO BE OF ANY BENEFIT TO YOU, NOT JUST SITTING IDLE IN YOUR QUIVER ¹.

THE BOW IS THE LOVE OF GOD SHED ABROAD IN YOUR HEART. IT IS GOD'S LOVE FOR YOU, AND YOUR CONFIDENCE IN HIM, WHICH GIVES THE STRENGTH TO THE ARROW OF FAITH TO CONTINUE ON UNTIL THE HOPE IS ATTAINED.

SEVERAL IMPORTANT POINTS:

(1) YOU MUST BE STRONG IN YOUR CONFIDENCE THAT GOD LOVES YOU, AND THAT HE WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU NOR FORSAKE YOU. HE SEEKS TO BLESS YOU AND DELIVER YOU FROM TROUBLE, FEAR, AND DEFEAT IN EVERY AREA OF YOUR LIFE. THIS ALLOWS YOU TO TAKE A COMPLETE PULL ON THE BOW OF LOVE, ENSURING YOUR ARROW OF FAITH DOES NOT FALL SHORT, AND ENSURING YOUR ARROW OF FAITH IS NOT SHAKEN BY THE WINDS OF DOUBT BLOWING AGAINST IT.

(2) YOU MUST HAVE DEVELOPED YOUR ARROWS OF FAITH. YOU CANNOT RUN OUT AND BUY THEM. NOR CAN YOU PRAY THEM UP. YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE TO GO OUT TO THE TREASURE FIELDS OF GOD ², AND COLLECT INTO YOUR QUIVER ³, TO BE ABLE TO USE THEM TOWARDS YOUR TARGETS OF HOPE AND AGAINST YOUR ENEMY ⁴.

(3) YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE TO GO HUNTING FOR YOUR TARGETS YOURSELF. JUST LIKE GOING HUNTING FOR GAME, IT IS NOT GOING TO COME AND LAY DOWN IN YOUR LAP AND SAY "HERE I AM"! YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE TO DECIDE WHAT IT IS YOU WANT ⁵. YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE TO HAVE THE RIGHT KIND OF FAITH ARROWS FOR THAT GAME. (AND YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE TO HAVE A FULL ASSURANCE THAT GOD LOVES YOU AND WANTS YOU TO HAVE THAT PROVISION.)

(4) YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE TO BE SINGLE-EYED TOWARD YOUR TARGET, BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER YOU FIRE YOUR FAITH ARROW, OR IT WILL NOT LAND ON THE MARK. IF YOUR SIGHT IS

¹ that is, your heart or spirit.

² the bible

³ your heart

⁴ the devil

⁵ promises of god

DRAWN OFF FROM THE TARGET, AS PETER WAS AS HE WALKED ON THE WATER, TAKING HIS EYES OFF JESUS, AND ONTO THE WIND AND WAVES OF DOUBT, YOU WILL MISS YOUR TARGET.

Matthew 6:22

The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

BY LEARNING GOD'S LOVE FOR YOU, THROUGH THE HOPE OF HIS WORD, AND THEN WALKING IN FAITH, YOU A BE AN "ARCHER OF GOD".

