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## I. Wrong Mixture

- A. **James 3:2-12** – Mixture of blessing and cursing coming out of the same mouth
- B. **Numbers 11:4** – A mixed multitude (rabble) went with the Israelites as they left Egypt. They began to lust after the familiar and dainty food from Egypt, and it caused the Israelites to desire to go back to what they left.
1. **Verse 5** – They remembered the fish and other food they ate. **They should have been remembering the bondage they were in.**
  2. **Nehemiah 13:1-3** – The mixed multitude had to be separated out.
  3. Living with one foot in the kingdom and the other in the world is not acceptable to God.  
  
This is referred to as carnal Christianity.
- C. **Genesis 21:10** – . . . *Cast out this bondwoman and her son, for the son of this bondwoman shall not be an heir with my son Isaac.*
1. They had been living with a mixture of God's promise and the works of their flesh. It was time to get rid of the mixture!
- D. **James 1:8** – Double-mindedness is a mixture of faith and doubt.
- E. Mixing positives and negatives equal zero power.

1. I am prosperous, I am broke, I cannot afford it, I believe God meets all my needs, we never have enough money, etc.
2. I am healed, I am sick, God's healing power is working in me, I am sick!
3. I have a great future planned by God for me. Nothing will ever change in my life. Everything has always been sour, and it always will be. God is a miracle-working God; and I believe He can change my circumstances, cause me to overcome my past, and give me a bright future.

## II. A Life Mixed With Faith

- A. **Hebrews 4:2** – The Israelites heard the message; but what they heard didn't do them any good because **they did not mix what they heard with faith.**
- B. **Faith** is the leaning of the entire human personality on God in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness.
  1. **Hebrews 4:2** and **Colossians 1:4**
  2. The leaning of everything “I” am and my personality represents everything I am – my thoughts, emotions, will, talents, and abilities.
 

**Ephesians 3:16** – Let the Holy Spirit indwell our personalities and strengthen us.
  3. The leaning of all “I” can do or even think “I” can do
- C. **John 3:27** – If I have a strength, it came from heaven.
- D. **II Corinthians 12:7-9** – If I have a weakness, there is a purpose.
- E. We must be careful that the strengths we have as gifts from God do not become **OUR** strengths.

1. My blood pressure and the sun: “I” was determined I was going to lie there no matter what – I thought: “I” can take this and overcome it!
2. I have always been strong – strong willed with strong determination. I can take a lot – work hard, high pain tolerance, be sick and keep on working; work, work, work, overcome obstacles, and press through hard places.
3. **IN CHRIST**, this is good. Without this strength, I would not be where I am today; but when God’s gift becomes **OUR STRENGTH**, God must intervene.

F. The Lord said, “I have to break you at the point of **YOUR strength** before I can promote you to the next spiritual level and ministry level I have for you.”

1. Our greatest strength is also our greatest weakness.
2. My mouth is an example.
3. Roxane’s helps gift
4. Donna’s mercy gift
5. Dave’s gift of casting care, especially in the beginning of our marriage

He let things go that he should have taken care of.  
**He had to learn to cast his care, but not his responsibility.**

G. Faith is leaning all I am and can ever do on His power, wisdom, and goodness.

1. “I” do things – but in dependence on Him.
2. **John 15:5** – Apart from Me, you can do nothing.

We do things – but not apart from Him.

## I MUST LEARN TO LIVE A LIFE MIXED WITH FAITH!!

- H. **Colossians 2:6** – *As you have therefore received Christ, [even] Jesus the Lord, [so] walk (regulate your lives and conduct yourselves) in union with and conformity to Him.*
  - 1. We received by faith (total leaning on Him).
- I. **Galatians 3:1-3** (*The Message Bible*) – Only crazy people would think they could complete by their own efforts what was begun by God.
- J. **II Corinthians 5:7** (KJV) – We walk by faith, not by sight.

### III. The Just Shall Live By Faith.

- A. **Habakkuk 2:4** – Look at the proud; his soul (personality) is not right within him, but the just and righteous man shall live by faith.
  - 1. Just (Greek) – Right, especially in fulfillment of duties toward God.
  - 2. Righteous – A state of being right; right conduct.
- B. **Hebrews 10:38** – *But the just shall live by faith . . . and if he draws back and shrinks in fear, My soul has no delight or pleasure in him.*
- C. **Galatians 3:11** (KJV) – . . . *The just shall live by faith.*
- D. **Romans 1:17** – Learn to live from faith to faith!
  - 1. We often do things and mix our doubts and fear with what we do and then wonder why they do not work out.
- E. **Romans 12:2** (*The Message Bible*) – Let Christ into every area of your life – not just spiritual areas, but practical areas as well.

1. In everyday life it seems we take over and only call on God in disasters.
2. We either seek to get what we need supernaturally; or if it does not manifest that way, we take over and operate in the natural.
3. For example: If I do not get healed, then I will just have to go to the doctor and take medicine.  
  
Mix your faith with your doctor visit and with every pill you swallow.
4. God often uses natural things.
5. We pray over our food, and it is the same principle.

F. **Mark 6:34-44** – When Jesus fed the five thousand, He asked the disciples what they had that He could use.

1. We should always give Him what we have or do what we can do, but we must do it in faith (leaning on Him).
2. “Little is much with God.”

#### IV. A Good Way To Stay In Fellowship With God

- A. **Proverbs 3:5-6** – Acknowledge Him in **ALL YOUR** ways, and He will direct your steps.
  1. Mix your faith with what you do, and He will make it work out.
- B. A more specific faith is needed – not just a vague, general faith.
- C. A purposeful, conscious leaning on Him
- D. You will be surprised at how much discipline it takes to form new habits and consciously lean on God in all things.

- E. Similar to Brother Lawrence learning to walk in the presence of God, it took practice and lots of it.
1. Do not be condemned if you forget – but start heading in a new direction.



