

# ***DESIRING SPIRITUAL GIFTS***

***“Eagerly pursue Love, yet desire Spiritual Gifts...”***

- 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 14:1

Class 6

## **Faith**

- Literal Meaning:

- To trust, have confidence, believe
  - The ability to act on God's promises with confidence

- Supporting References:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 12:7-9

- 7) But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.
- 8) For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;
- 9) To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;

- 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 13:1-2

- 1) Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.
- 2) And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

- Romans 4:16-21

- 16) Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all,
- 17) (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.
- 18) Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.

- 19) And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb:
- 20) He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;
- 21) And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

- Hebrews 1:1

- 1) Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

- Characteristics:

- People with this Gift:

- Believe the promises of God and inspire others to do the same
- Act in complete confidence of God's ability to overcome obstacles
- Demonstrate an attitude of trust in God's will

- Traits:

- Prayerful, Optimistic, Trusting, Assured, Positive, Inspiring and Hopeful

- Cautions

- People with this Gift should be aware of:

- Not acting on their faith
- Thinking that those who speak of reason and desire to plan things out are not necessarily lacking in faith
- Not listening to the wise counsel of others