

# The Productivity of Faith

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And now for The Productivity of Faith.

George Bronner: Hello, everybody. My name is George Bronner as you may already know and the title of my message today is The Productivity of Faith and to start it off, the definition of productivity is the state or quality of producing something. So before I go into this message, bow your heads for a word of prayer.

Dear Lord, thank you for allowing for everybody to be here today. Even in a time of pandemic, people will still come to your house to worship and praise you to expand on their knowledge of you and even for everybody online, they'll take time out of their Friday nights to come here and to glorify you, to listen in and to learn and do through the name of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior I pray, amen.

As I stated, the title of my message today is The Productivity of Faith. And of course, with any amazing sermon, you've got to start it off with the Bible verse. So just to one up that, I'm going to start it off with two. So for starters, Proverbs 3:5: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding." And 2nd Corinthians 5:7, "For we walk by faith, not by sight."

So this month and every month really, I try and improve myself in one specific way. Last month, I was focusing on willpower. As you know, I fasted for three days off of water and overall, that was a wonderful experience. It wasn't even that bad. But this month, I tried to focus on repetition and repetition in the sense of prayer.

What I did was I tried to pray for at least one hour every day and for a few of those days, I even reached two hours. So it worked out wonderfully and the number one thing that I can tell

you is when praying, it's not necessarily about length, but it's about faith. You could pray for 10 hours but if you're wavering in faith, who's to say any of it is going to come to pass. When you pray, you need to decide right then and there that you believe God will do it without any question or a doubt in your heart.

So, I do have a story to go along with this. A few days ago, I played my uncle Charles in a one-on-one to 100 and in my one-hour prayer for about three days in advance, I had consistently prayed that this would be the best game to 100 that he had ever played. Now, in case you don't know, my uncle Charles, he plays all of us nephews and even his own sons to 100. He's been in all of my brothers, my brother on the piano, my eldest brothers, and I wanted mine to simply be the best.

This was the first time that I had played him. And I prayed fervently. I believed with absolute faith that it would come to pass. Now when it came to the day of playing him, I was still confident and then I got out there on the court and I realized that I hadn't quite planned how he's going to score. Now, any time that I've spoken about basketball in the past, I tend to talk about my tenacity rather than my scoring ability because if anybody has seen me play, it's more about effort for me rather than effectiveness when scoring and this isn't necessarily my favorite fact to mention, but when I played basketball on sixth grade year, I didn't score a single point the entire season yet I was the sixth man. I was effective in regards that I worked hard and now I was in a place of a one-on-one to 100 and I prayed that it would be his best match.

So how would it his best match if I was unable to score? So I went out there with faith and even standing there, I had no clue how I was going to score but my faith did not waver and the end score of this match was 100 to 84. Now, I did lose, don't get me wrong, but it was a wonderful match.

Because keep in mind this, I didn't score a single point my entire sixth grade season. That was the last season that I played. I went out there unwarmed up on his home court and still dropped 84. I'd say it was a pretty solid performance.

And progressing down in my message, Corinthians or actually I didn't write the verse name. So I'm not quite positive where this

is from but I'll just read the verse. "Have faith in God,' Jesus answered, 'Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain go, throw yourself into the sea and does not doubt in their heart, but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them. Therefore, I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it and it will be yours.'"

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Now, I haven't asked my uncle Charles if it was his favorite match to 100, but he was happy after it was over. I mean, he was smiling ear-to-ear. So, I'd say it was a pretty good match for him. And the last point that I have is whenever you have faith, prayer becomes productive and convenient. So the start and the title of this message is The Productivity of Faith.

Originally, the second title that I had was The Convenience of Faith. But when I Googled it, it had to do with low effort and you can't really achieve strong faith in God with low effort. I don't know if you've ever had the experience of you just don't see how this could come to pass. For example, when I was playing my uncle Charles, I simply could not see how I would have been able to score more than 10 points yet I scored 84 because I did not doubt in God.

Every day that I prayed that, I believed. And when the day come, I believed. Even once the ball had went out of bounds and I was down, I believe about 8 to 30 and I simply stood there and I prayed once more and from there, I didn't miss much. You could ask my uncle Charles, it just simply happened. I just seemed to stop missing. I had refreshed my faith and from there, it all came to pass.

So, safe becomes convenient, low effort and what I would like to relate this to is passive income. If you've listened to my father's past series, he's spoken on passive income a lot and how when he started his business, he didn't receive a single paycheck for the first nine years, but now it's passive income.

Faith can be the same way. You can't expect having no faith to pray and semi-believe and that it'll produce the results of the prophet Isaiah because faith is a building process. When you pray and you believe it comes to pass and you see it happen, your faith is strengthened. It keeps happening, your faith keeps

growing stronger and stronger and it gets to the point where you don't even have to force yourself to believe, but you just know. You know without any question or doubt that God will make it happen. And if he doesn't, it's because he has something better in store because faith is similar to passive income. It's never quite easy to build up. But once you have it, you're sure glad that you built it.

So this is my message for today, The Productivity of Faith. And another fun fact about it is I didn't actually rehearse this message. I simply wrote down the title and as I was driving, I was thinking about it. I got the Bible verses and I came up here with faith in my heart that the Holy Spirit would guide every aspect of what I would do for my body language, I suppose even this mask to the words that I spoke and I think the Holy Spirit did just that. As a matter of fact, I have faith that the Holy Spirit did just that. So this is my message for today. I hope you have a wonderful evening and an amazing weekend.

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