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## ANNUAL FASTING AND PRAYER

### THE PILLARS OF SAVING FAITH: PART 2.

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**James 3:17**

We have looked at the pillar of saving faith in the book of Proverb 9:1 which is Divine Wisdom as the foundation.

Before we pray today, let us look at the pillars of saving faith from the book of James 3:17

[17] "But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy".

There are seven pillars mentioned in this verse:

#### 1) Pure life

Living a pure life emphasize renewing the mind, obeying God's Word, and fleeing from temptation to maintain holiness in actions and in thoughts.

**Psalms 119:9**

[9] How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word.

Is talking about living according to the Word of God.

1 Thessalonians 4:3-7 talks about abstaining from sexual immorality, sanctification in all things because "God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness".

**Philippians 4:8**

[8] Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things."

This is making us to know that we must focus on what is pure.

#### 2) Peace-loving life

**The Bible commands believers to actively pursue peace with everyone. It emphasizes personal responsibility, forgiveness, and love, even when dealing with difficult people as pillars of saving faith. Key principles include not repaying evil with evil, blessing persecutors, and overcoming conflict with good (Romans 12:18-21).**

### **3) Gentle life**

**A gentle life emphasizes kindness, humility, and a quiet spirit as pillars of saving faith.**

**Galatians 5:22-23 mentioned gentleness as a fruit of the Spirit of saving faith. 1 Peter 3:4 talks about a gentle and quiet spirit, and Philippians 4:5 says we should let our gentleness be evident to all.**

**These scriptures promote a peaceful, non-quarrelsome, and considerate life.**

### **4) Submissive life**

**The Bible defines a submissive life as one rooted in humility, prioritizing obedience to God, mutual respect in relationships, and compliance with authorities.**

**James 4:7 says "Submit yourselves therefore to God".**

**Ephesians 5:21 says "Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ".**

**1 Peter 5:5**

**[5] Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."**

### **5) Life full of mercy and good fruit,**

**The Bible talks regarding a life full of mercy in Psalm 23:6, which declares, "Surely your goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever."**

**This verse highlights a life surrounded by continuous divine mercy.**

### **6) Impartial life**

**James 2:1,8-9**

**[1] "My brethren, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with partiality.**

**[8] If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well;**

**[9] but if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors.**

## **7) Sincere life.**

**The Bible emphasizes a sincere life through authenticity, integrity, and love without hypocrisy as pillars of living faith.**

**It is often linked to a pure heart and devotion to God.**

**1 Timothy 1:5 talks about love from a pure heart and sincere faith.**

**Romans 12:9 says "Let love be sincere".**

**Joshua 24:14**

**[14]"Now therefore, fear the Lord, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the Lord.**

**Talking about serving in sincerity and truth both in the work of God and your daily work.**

**CONCLUSION:**

**A Christian who has possessed all these pillars and live by them is sure of saving faith.**

**Any Christian without these pillars must strive to possess them for saving faith,.**

**May God help everyone us in Jesus name.**