



The Traits of Those With Great Faith Matthew 15:21-38

- 1) They have a working knowledge of God and what He is doing
- 2) They display humility without being easily offended
- 3) They know God will do what is right
- 4) They persist in prayer even when God seems silent
 - a) Their prayers aren't wishful thinking
 - b) Their prayers aren't presumptions or filled with entitlement
 - c) When God is seemingly indifferent, they keep praying
 - d) When God is painstakingly silent, they persist
 - e) They know God is perpetually attentive
- 5) They understand that Jesus of Nazareth is God in flesh
 - a) He creates out of nothing (cf. Rom. 4:17)
 - b) He heals physically and spiritually
 - c) His compassion for people compels Him to act
 - d) He heals completely, even lost limbs
 - e) He performs the miraculous in His own name
- 6) The goal of our ministry is to worship the Lord Jesus Christ (15:31)
 - a) Count on the fact that God's resources are never diminished
 - b) Rejoice that God has made us useful for His kingdom by His choosing
 - c) Give liberally as a result of having received freely
(Lk. 6:38; 2 Cor. 9:6)
 - d) Disclose Christ to the world through compassion towards others