

"Lord, Increase Our Faith" Part 3

Luke 17:7-10

First we saw that to increase our faith, we must be able to forgive; then we saw that to increase our faith, we must have the proper view of faith. Now we will see that to increase our faith, we must remember who we really are.

Christ was a great illustrator. He used things from everyday life to teach a lesson. Here, he uses the relationship of a servant and master to illustrate our relationship with God. He teaches that when a servant has done all that he commanded to do, he has done nothing special.

As Christians, we often think that because we do certain things that we are commanded to do and not do other things that the Bible commands us not to do that we are something special. When we simply do what we are commanded to do, Christ tells us that are "unprofitable servants". Unprofitable servant means a useless servant. So simply doing what the Bible commands does not make us a useful servant! God expects us to beyond the call of duty. Christians are to be noted by sacrifice and going beyond the call of duty; however, many times Christians try to do as little as possible to get by. If we want our faith to increase, we must become profitable servant and start going beyond the call of duty in our obedience to God.

Father, we so long to be useful in your service. Please help us not to simple just obey the letter of the law or commandment but rather let us obey the intent of the law or commandment. May you forgive when we try to cut corners in serving you. Please help us to be useful to you and see our faith increase in you!