



The Climb of Faith



Warning

This message comes with a warning because you will be held accountable.

A state of mind

A place where only
minimal risks are
taken

Not all people have
the same comfort
zone



John 15:16 (NIV) You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit — fruit that will last.

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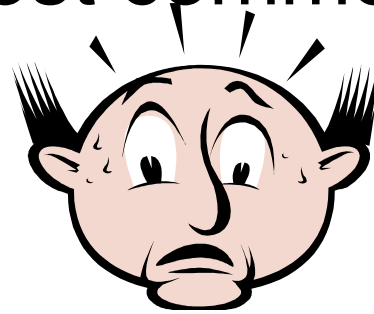
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God has given us a divine place within His Body where we are expected to use our spiritual gifts, talents and abilities. God made an investment in each of us for a purpose, a He expects a return on His

Heb 11:1 (NIV) Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

Heb 11:6 (NIV) And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

The 4 most common fears are...



Fear of flying
Fear of public speaking
Fear of heights
Fear of the dark

Acts 1:8 (NIV) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Phil 4:13 (AMP) I have strength for all things in Christ Who empowers me [I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him Who infuses inner strength into me; I am self-sufficient in Christ's sufficiency].

Without excuse, God holds each of us responsible for being a doer of His will. True False

Fact: We will not be judged by our good intentions for doing His will, but by what we did or did not do.

Fact: God is not going to buy into any of our excuses when we have to give an account for what we did or did not do.



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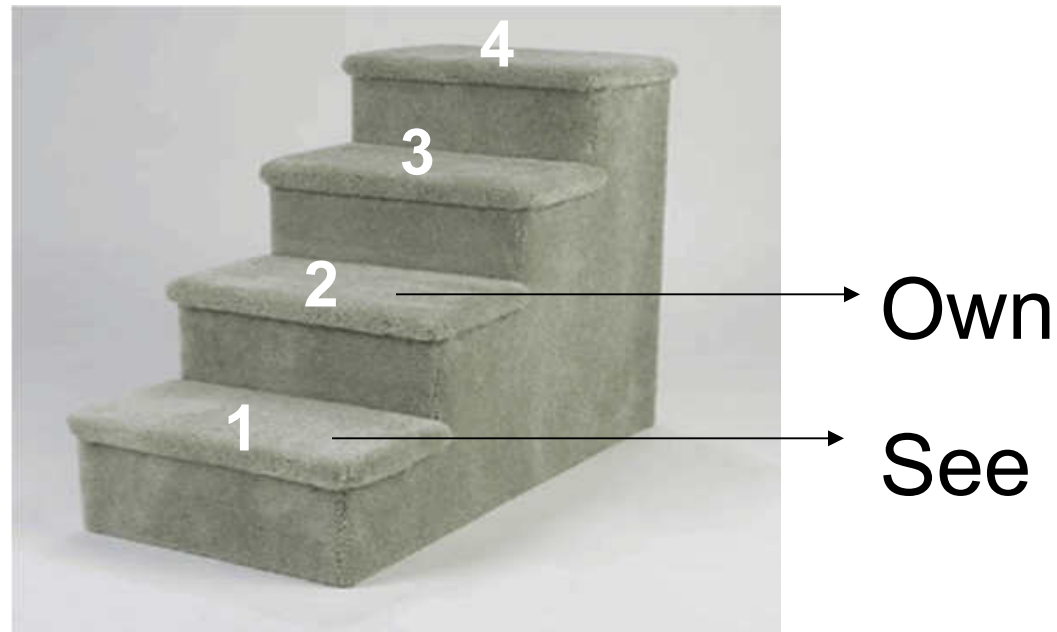


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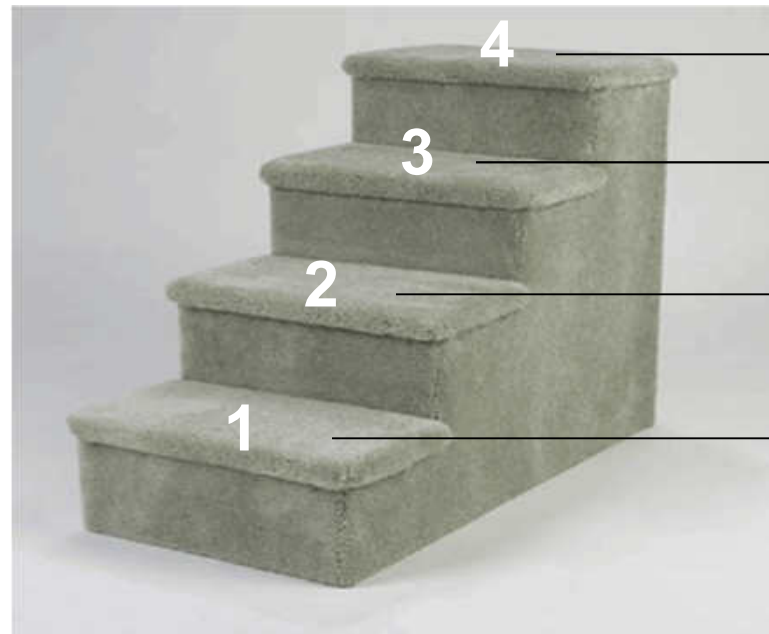


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James 1:22 (NIV)
***Do not merely listen
to the word, and so
deceive yourselves.
Do what it says.***



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James 2:14-23 (NIV) What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? 15 Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. 16 If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? 17 In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. 18 But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds."

20 You foolish man, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless? 21 Was not our ancestor Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? 22 You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. 23 And the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness," and he was called God's friend.



Abraham

→ **See...** God showed Abram (Abraham) that he was to be the father of a great nation.

Gen 12:1-3 (NIV) The Lord had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you.

2 "I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth



Own... Abraham OWNED the
See will of God.

Abraham

Gen 12:4 (NIV) So Abram left, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.



Solve..... Abraham had problems
Own that needed to solved.
See

Abraham

How would he gain possession of
a foreign land?

Gen 15:7-8 (NIV) He also said to him, "I am the Lord, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to take possession of it." 8 But Abram said, "O Sovereign Lord, how can I know that I will gain possession of it?"

Abraham and Sarah were beyond the age of having children. How was it possible they could have a child of their own?

Gen 17:15-20 (NIV) God also said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah. 16 I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her." 17 Abraham fell facedown; he laughed and said to himself, "Will a son be born to a man a hundred years old? Will Sarah bear a child at the age of ninety?" 18 And Abraham said to God. "If only Ishmael might live under

Abraham and the sacrifice of Isaac

Gen 22:2 (NIV) Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about."



Do.....
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Abraham believed the promise of God and was willing to do God's will.

Abraham

Gen 22:9-14 (NIV) *When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. 10 Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. 11 But the angel of the Lord called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!"*

"Here I am," he replied.

12 "Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son."

13 Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and

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... I will show you my faith by what I do.