

Action Reaction (Spiritual Life Flow)

Action/reaction is a lifestyle of trusting in God. Abraham displayed this very clearly - Rom 4:18-25 - 18 Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be." 19 **Without weakening in his faith**, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead — since he was about a hundred years old — and that Sarah's womb was also dead. 20 Yet **HE DID NOT WAVER THROUGH UNBELIEF regarding the promise of God**, but **was STRENGTHENED IN HIS FAITH and gave glory to God**, 21 being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. 22 **This is why "it was credited to him as righteousness."** 23 The words "it was credited to him" were written not for him alone, 24 but **also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness — for us WHO BELIEVE IN HIM** who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. 25 He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

Our Faith should trigger action which will be our justification and righteousness- James 2:20-24 - 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. 24 You see that a **person is justified by what he does and not by faith alone**.

***Notice that it is not telling us to try and justify ourselves or to be righteous, these are a product of our actions of Faith**

The Spiritual life-flow is grounded in the action/reaction process - Matt 7:7-8 - 7 "Ask and IT WILL BE given to you; seek and YOU WILL find; knock and THE DOOR WILL BE opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door WILL BE opened.

If we pay close attention, we will see how things fall into place as we trust in Him - Prov 3:6 in all your ways acknowledge him, and HE WILL make your paths straight.

Our needs should be a product of action/reaction - Matt 6:31-33 - 31 So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. 33 But **seek first his kingdom and his righteousness**, and ALL THESE THINGS WILL BE **given to you as well**.

How we are with others will totally affect what happens to us - Luke 6:37-38- 37 "Do not judge, and YOU WILL NOT BE judged. Do not condemn, and YOU WILL NOT BE condemned. Forgive, and YOU WILL BE forgiven. 38 Give, and IT WILL BE given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with **the measure you use, IT WILL BE measured to you."**

How we give will dictate how we receive - 2 Cor 9:6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly WILL ALSO reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously WILL ALSO reap generously.

How a rich Christian is with his wealth will impact his eternal life - 1 Tim 6:17-19 - 17 Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. 18 Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. 19 **IN THIS WAY THEY WILL LAY UP treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, SO THAT THEY MAY TAKE HOLD OF the life that is truly life.**

Our relationship with Christ is depended on us deciding to stay in Him - John 15:1-5 - "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. 3 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. 4 Remain in me, and I WILL remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. 5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, HE WILL bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

We must not just act; we must be persistent in acting in our life of Faith - Heb 10:35-39 - 35 So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. 36 You need to persevere SO THAT when you have done the will of God, YOU WILL RECEIVE what he has promised. 37 For in just a very little while, "He who is coming will come and will not delay. 38 **But my righteous one WILL LIVE BY FAITH.** And if he shrinks back, I WILL NOT BE pleased with him." 39 But we are not of those who shrink back AND ARE destroyed, but of those who believe AND ARE saved.

Applying God's Spiritual ingredients will dictate our Spiritual wellbeing - 2 Peter 1:8-9 - 8 For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, THEY WILL KEEP YOU from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 But if anyone does not have them, he is nearsighted and blind, and has forgotten that he has been cleansed from his past sins.

The more we deny ourselves, the more we live for God - 1 Peter 4:1-3 - Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because he who has suffered in his body is done with sin. 2 AS A RESULT, he does not live the rest of his earthly life for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God.

In a nutshell, how we live will dictate our outcome - Rom 8:12-13 - 12 Therefore, brothers, **we have an obligation** — but it is **not to the sinful nature, to live according to it.** 13 For if you live according to the sinful nature, YOU WILL DIE; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, YOU WILL LIVE,