

Jude speaks to us... "But you, my friends, must fortify yourselves in your most sacred faith." Verse 20. (Modern Speech Trans.)

The true follower of Christ draws the material for his daily life from "THE FAITH", as it is expressed. This being the body of Divine Truth contained in all the Scriptures.

It undoubtedly refers to our personal faith also, and we could say the true believer develops his Christian character as he exercises faith in "the faith!"

He or she, is in "THE WORD". Such a one knows the true believer is to "stand fast...continue in...and earnestly contend for the faith." See: 1 Cor. 16:13; Col. 1:23; Jude 3.

St Paul in taking leave of the Ephesian elders, left them a final word, saying: "I commend you to God, and to the WORD of His grace which is able to BUILD YOU UP." Acts 20:32

The Christian-Kingdom-Covenant believer in the midst of overwhelming apostacy will build his Christian life from the materials gathered from out the WORD.

"Wood, hay and stubble" are not suitable material for the Kingdom believer to build his testimony upon! We must take hold of the COVENANTS! Listen: "The secret of the LORD is with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant." Psalm 25:14 Here is Abrahamic Faith... Basic stuff!

Again Jude speaks to us... "Continue to pray in the power of the Holy Spirit." Verse 20. (Modern Speech Trans.)

The Word and Prayer form a combination which has always gone together. The Apostles of Jesus Christ considered it to be the basis of their ministries. Acts 6:4

Prayer---As taught in the Bible, and as practiced today by professing Christians often bear little resemblance to each other. Bible language concerning prayer indicates something quite different to the formal, cold, and hyper-religious praying so often associated with modern Christianity. Epaphras "labored fervently in prayer" Col. 4:12. The word "prayer" means "pouring out," and "fervent" means, "hot, glowing, ardent, intense."

The Apostle James speaks of the "effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man" James 5:16. St. Paul refers to prayer as "the spirit itself making intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."

John Bunyan writer of PILGRIMS PROGRESS urges us "when thou prayest, rather let thy heart be without words, than the words without thy heart."

The true Israelite believer in the midst of apostacy knows the blessing and value of "praying in the Holy Spirit."