



What does authentic faith do?

1. Authentic faith _____ others. Luke 11:33

a. Make it your _____ I to reflect Christ.

2. Authentic faith _____ darkness. Luke 11:34-35

a. Make it your _____ to receive _____.

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Take Home Truth

Authentic faith _____ fully. Luke 11:36

Today's Core Practice:

Faith: Being sure of what I hope for and certain of what I do not see, I exhibit faith that pleases God. *(from Hebrews 11:1, 6)*



Deeper Connection Study

Jesus continues to teach the crowds and shares three brief proverbs in order to firmly emphasize God's kingdom. He uses familiar imagery to help his hearers better understand his teaching ministry as well as give them a fuller picture of how his disciples should reflect it.

Today's Core Virtue discussed: Faith.

Read Luke 11:33-36

1. What is the light and what is its purpose (v. 33; cf. 8:16)? How and why is it difficult for you to let your light shine for Christ?
2. What does Jesus say about the eye and its effect on the body (v. 34; cf. Matt. 6:22-23)? What is he really emphasizing?
3. Why does Jesus give a warning (v. 35)? What does he mean about the "whole body" (v. 36)? How does this apply to you?
4. How does accepting Jesus' teachings change the way you live? What are you learning about Jesus and applying to your life?
5. What does authentic faith look like? How can you distinguish between genuine faith and one that is fake?
6. How can you shine more brightly for Jesus? What are practical ways for you to share Jesus' teachings with others?

PRAYER TO THE POINT: Praise God that he invites us to represent his kingdom by reaching out to others. Ask God to help you live as a disciple of Christ. Pray for opportunities to be a light to others.



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At one time or another, most everyone has been duped. It may have been as simple as purchasing a genuine leather bag at the swap meet, only to discover it was genuine vinyl. Or the fraud could have been more serious; it may have been a boyfriend who declared his devotion, only for you to discover his infidelity. Either way, making a discovery of deception always results in disappointment and disillusionment.

There is another type of fraud that goes on in many churches every Sunday. What is this fraud you ask? It is the fraud of belief – people who claim to have authentic faith, when, in fact, what they project is a counterfeit. People with fraudulent faith know the right lingo and they portray the right image, but their so-called faith is only skin-deep. It does not result in transformation, or spiritual fruit. The branches of these individuals are barren because they are not really connected to the vine.

So how can a person tell if they have an authentic faith? Well, in today's passage, Jesus is going to address that subject by providing insight into what authentic faith produces.