

As a believer, you can become a practical unbeliever.

First: The PROBLEM of unbelief.

Mark 9:19 (NASB) “And He answered them and said, “O unbelieving generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring him to Me!”

1 Timothy 6:10 (NASB) “For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil,”

The Bible makes a clear distinction between God’s resources and man’s resources.

Isaiah 55:1-3 (NASB) ““Ho! Every one who thirsts, come to the waters; And you who have no money come, buy and eat. Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Why do you spend money for what is not bread, And your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, And delight yourself in abundance. “Incline your ear and come to Me. Listen, that you may live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you, According to the faithful mercies shown to David. So what does it mean to love money?”

Matthew 6:24 (NASB) “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

Mark 9:14-18 (NASB) “When they came back to the disciples, they saw a large crowd around them, and some scribes arguing with them. Immediately, when the entire crowd saw Him, they were amazed and began running up to greet Him. And He asked them, “What are you discussing with them?” And one of the crowd answered Him, “Teacher, I brought You my son, possessed with a spirit which makes him mute; and whenever it seizes him, it slams him to the ground and he foams at the mouth, and grinds his teeth and stiffens out. I told Your disciples to cast it out, and they could not do it.”

Their powerlessness was transferred to Jesus and left the man with the idea that Christ Himself was powerless.

Every sin you commit has its roots in your unbelief in the promises of God, and your belief in human resources.

1 Timothy 6(NASB) “Godliness actually is a means of great gain when accompanied by contentment.”

Philippians 4:13 (NASB) “My God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”

Second: The SYMPTOM of unbelief.

Mark 9:27 (NASB) “Why could we not drive it out?” And He said to them, “This kind cannot come out by anything but prayer.”

Do you believe?
Mark 9:14-27

Prayerlessness is the chief symptom of unbelief.

Third: The **CURE** of unbelief.

Mark 9:20-24 (NASB) “They brought the boy to Him (**Jesus**). When he (**the boy**) saw Him, immediately the spirit threw him into a convulsion, and falling to the ground, he began rolling around and foaming at the mouth. And He asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood. It has often thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, take pity on us and help us!” And Jesus said to him, “If You can?” All things are possible to him who believes.” Immediately the boy’s father cried out and said, “I do believe; help my unbelief.”

1. True believers **STRUGGLE with unbelief.**

2. You have to **USE what faith in Christ you have.**

3. You have to take you unbelief to **JESUS.**

Isaiah 40:31 (NASB) “Those who wait for the LORD will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary.”

Application:

Can you recognize any symptoms of unbelief in your life? If so take some time to list them.

Do you recognize that your unbelief reflects on who Jesus is?

Like the father of the boy bring you little faith to Jesus and give it to Him.

Are you concentrating more on the tasks in your life rather than the relationship you have with Jesus?

Have you identified any area in your life where you battle unbelief more than others?

Can you give that up to Christ so you can experience victory?

Make a plan: What one thing will you do this week to obey what God has shown you?

Memory Verse: Isaiah 40:31 (NASB) “Those who wait for the LORD will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary.”