

**WHAT CAN WE DO TO STRENGTHEN OUR FAITH?**

by Leonard Wilson

1. Read the Bible every day. This is the way God speaks to us. Just reading the words is not enough. We need to study, meditate, and research the Scriptures (Isa. 34:16).
2. Pray to God every day. We should pray for ourselves that we may have a Christ-like attitude, and thank God for the blessings we receive. We should pray for those who have mistreated us. We should pray for the church, the elders, the preacher, and all of the membership. And pray for the lost (1Th. 5:17).
3. Memorize the books of the Bible. This may not be necessary to go to heaven, but it will help strengthen our faith. Any person who claims to be a student of the Bible should memorize the books of the Bible and classify them (Psa. 119:11).
4. Study the plan of salvation. Learn book, chapter, and verse of the scriptures on hearing about Christ, believing that Christ is the Son of God (Jn. 8:24), confessing Christ before men (Mt. 10:32), repenting of our sins (Lk. 13:3,5), and being baptized into Christ for the remission of our sins (Ac. 2:38; 22:16).
5. Learn sound doctrine (Ti. 2:10). We need to know where the Bible teaches us about: the Lord's Supper (1Cor. 11:23-29); giving (1Cor 16:1-2); singing (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16), the oneness of the church (Eph. 1:22-23); and the qualifications of elders (1TIm. 3:1-7; Ti. 1:5-9), and deacons (1Tim. 3:8-13).
6. Attend every service of the church. There may be an occasion when we just can't be present for a church service, but if we really want to be present to worship God and enjoy the fellowship of our brethren, most of us can be there 99.9% of the time (Heb. 10:25).
7. Participate in the activities of the church. Be as active and helpful as you have the ability to do so (1Cor. 15:58).
8. Teach someone the gospel plan of salvation. We should not be afraid to talk to someone about their soul. We have the TRUTH and we need to share it with others. Our friends and relatives are going to spend eternity in one of two places; let us try to take them to heaven with us (2Tim. 2:2; Mt. 7:13-14).

See you Sunday! -gls