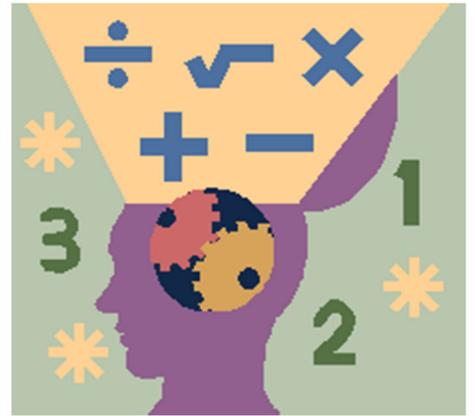


Faith = Fuel = Faith

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No doubt a mathematician would see my formula and would doubt the number of brain cells that I am utilizing. Of course, I have my own twist of the equation.



We know that faith comes first always. Knowing that Jesus has set us free from our sins and is always watching over us gives us the wonderful blessing of faith. Not just that one blessing – but also that faith is the fuel that empowers us to do the very best that we can to fight our sinful nature, to obey His commands, and to show others this truth.

Then that fuel gives us the desire to display our faith in any number of ways. Perhaps we can fill a need by serving in our church. How about beginning a new ministry that is of particular interest to you? Maybe a hobby of yours is especially gratifying and could be shared. These options could bring pleasure and Christian friendship together. Do you like to sew? Enjoy working with young people? Only our imagination keeps us from widening our trails and spreading our wings out to our fellow members, and hopefully, to others who aren't members, and enjoy the activity and fellowship that each ministry is promoting.

Serving outside of the church can also be fuel for faith - and that faith fueled into action. Many non-profit organizations look for volunteers to help in various capacities. Also, our own church supports and gathers supplies for Betty's Haven, a place for women who need refuge from abuse. Many years ago, I helped the Toys for Tots campaign in distributing the toys as needy families came to search out gifts for their children. The opportunities are endless. Finding the one for you is the key.

What about other non-member projects? They are out there, that's for sure. Maybe a neighbor or friend is unable to drive or doesn't have transportation for every day needs. Taking a day or two from your week to supply transportation to the store or to the doctor or just dropping by for a visit can be the difference in a dreary day to a joyful one for those who are home-bound. This is one of my favorites.

Still wondering about your calling? Take a really big step of faith and pray for God's guidance and open your heart to the calling. Fuel up that faith and step into God's steps and show your faith and love to the world we live in. You will be moved from dreary to joyful too!