Action Steps To Defeat Unbelief

***Heb. 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.***

***Heb. 4:2 For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it.***

***2 Thess. 2:13 NASB ...When you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but for what it really is, the word of God, which also performs its work in you who believe.***

I. Seven action steps that defeat seven specific kinds of unbelief. Each action step is like an ax you can use to chop down the tree of unbelief. The following are Seven ***Ax-ion*** steps that help you believe so the Word can perform its work in you.

1. ***Thanksgiving*** for *not believing that God is good*, that He is for you, and that He will reward your diligent seeking. (Jn 6:11, 23) Being thankful is the simplest act of faith we can do.

***Jn 6:23 ...other boats came from Tiberias, near the place where they ate bread after the Lord had given thanks.***

***1 Thess 5:18 In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.***

2. ***Forgiving* *others*** for *not believing you can receive forgiveness* for your sins.

***Mt. 6:14 “For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also you.15 But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.***

3. ***Forsaking sin*** for *not believing you can live with godly confidence and boldness*.

***Prov. 28:13 -- He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.***

***Prov. 28:1 The wicked flee when no one pursues, But the righteous are bold as a lion.***

4. ***Praying in the Spirit*** for a *general lifestyle of unbelief*.

***Jude 20 But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit.***

***1Cor 14:18 I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all;***

5. ***Giving*** for *not believing that God is your provider****.***

**Mal. 3:10 *Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me*** (test me) (prove me) ***now in this,”Says the Lord of hosts, “If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it.11“And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, So that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, Nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field,” Says the Lord of hosts.***

6. ***Taking God’s Word as medicine*** for not believing God will heal you.

***1 Pet 2:24 -- who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.***

***Prov. 4:20 My son, attend to my words; incline your ear unto my sayings. 21Let them not depart from your eyes; keep them in the midst of your heart. 22For they are life unto those that find them, and health*** (medicine) ***to all their flesh.***

7. ***Obey 1Tim 2:1-2*** for not believing you can affect our government.

***1 Tim. 2:1-2 Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, 2for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.***

III. Discussion Groups

1. Name two or three action steps that specifically spoke to you as areas of unbelief?

2. What other action steps will you consider taking to defeat unbelief?

3. Pray for God to strengthen you and others as you take these action steps.