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Biblical Training

Matthew 6:33; 1 John 2:6;
2 Chronicles 16:9

ELEMENTS NEEDED FOR SUCCESSFUL TRAINING TO WALK BY FAITH AND BY LOVE

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BIBLICAL COMMANDS: The Bible teaches we are to train our people to become highly mature in Christ-likeness and especially walk by mature faith and by love. We are to train to walk with God and do His work.

NEEDED ACTION: In order to train people to walk with God (only from the Bible), we must teach them what to do, how to do it, examples for how to do it, testimonies for how we did it, and place our people into methods of on-the-job training. Only when people live out the training, do they become trained. Giving them mainly what to do, does not get the job done, unless people study on their own and implement the Scriptures.

ANALOGY: When you are trained to fly airplanes, you must have, in some way, actually flown the airplane. My describing what to do, does not make you a pilot. The flight instructor takes you flying in the airplane, tells you what to do and how to do it, and then demonstrates how to do things (testimony), Afterward, he lets you take the controls to actually fly the airplane. Then He provides needed corrections. Then you take your flight test to gain your pilot's license.

BIBLICAL MODEL: The Biblical Model is a triunity patterned after God, being a triunity. Man is a triunity, as all things are that live. Man lives out trinities. The source is embodied or embraced by the source embodiment (some associated action taken). Note the chart.

Overview	Source	Source Embodiment	Result-Interaction
God is Triunity	Father	Son	Holy Spirit
Man is Triunity	Soul	Body	Spirit
Walk by Faith	Trust in God to Fulfill Promise	Obey Instructions with the Promise	God Fulfills His Promises; We Receive Revelation From God and Live Without Sin
Walk by Love	Love God and Others	Obey God's Commandments	Love is Lived Out; We Live Holy and Righteously, and We Get to Know God

The source to be embodied in man's case is purpose or motivation for living. God acts in the same way in His actions toward us. In the case of living by faith, the source embodiment activates the faith to have living faith. In living by love, keeping or obeying God's commandments activates the love to produce living love. God acts through the living love and living faith to bring the results. We must live by activated faith and love to live the Christian life as God has planned.

TRAINING: The instructor teaches that we should live by faith and how to live by faith. He presents examples for how one lives by faith such as in the Old Testament battle of Jericho. Then He presents testimony for how he has lived by faith and love. He gives suggestions for how they can live out the training in living life purposes.

WEBSITE REFERENCES:(1) *Summary: Thoughts re Walking By Faith Through Love; Producing Good Works* and (2) *Keys to Becoming Mature in Christ-likeness In Godly Relationship Living*.