

„We don't have to do anything!“

Western preachers often claim that we don't have to do anything to please God, or even that we shouldn't do anything. Is this true?

The Bible is of a completely different opinion, let's just take the example of "faith":

Many Western preachers claim, "Faith comes from God, and **we should do nothing at all to obtain it.**"

Some of them even claim: "**We cannot do anything at all to obtain faith.**"

These preachers are often followers of "Hyper-Grace".

What does the Bible say about this?

[Jak 2,20](#) **Do you want to be shown, you foolish (KJV: vain) person, that faith apart from works is useless?**

21 Was not Abraham our father **justified by works** when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? 22 You see that **faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works;**

[Joh 5,44](#) **How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only**

God calls us throughout the Bible **to act** to cause His miracles, which then lead us to higher faith. Just a few examples:

1. [Eph 4,32](#) Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, **forgiving one another**, as God in Christ forgave you.
2. [Mt 7,7](#) **Ask**, and it will be given to you; **seek**, and you will find; **knock**, and it will be opened to you
3. [Jud 20](#) But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and **praying in the Holy Spirit**
4. [Jak 5,16](#) ... The **prayer** of a righteous person has **great power** as it is working.
5. [Eph 6,18](#) **praying at all times in the Spirit**, with all prayer and supplication.
6. [Lk 18,1](#) And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought **always to pray and not lose heart.**
7. [1Kor 14,26](#) ... When you **come together**, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. **Let all things be done** for building up.
8. [1Kor 14,39](#) So, my brothers, **earnestly desire** to prophesy, and **do not forbid speaking in tongues.**
9. [Mt 10,8](#) **Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons.**
10. [Mk 1,15](#) ... repent and believe in the (full / whole) gospel. → **SO INCLUDING THESE CALLS!**

Do we at least do the following?

11. [2Tim 3,1-5](#) But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty (KJV: perilous times). 5 ... having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. **Avoid such people!**

No... *Do I have to avoid myself?*

What word does the world have for a statement made unknowingly or knowingly that is not true?

- Unknowingly: the word "false statement".
- Knowingly: the word "lie"

Now if a university-educated preacher even preaches such an untruth: What do you call that?

- **False statement:** if he was not trained on these simple basics
- **Lie:** if the training was good.

Consider what you think about their training and form your opinion on this issue.

Conclusion:

1. **The above untruth is a practical version of one of the greatest and most powerful "lies" of the devil:**

Why do I say "lie" here? Because the devil knows the Bible better than we do!

The devil's lie is, "**Christians generally don't have to do anything.**"

With that, he lulls us into a deep sleep, makes us powerless and incapable of action.

So **where** do the favorite words of Western preachers **come from**, the conclusion of all their sermons: "We don't have to do anything"?

From the following:

[1Tim 4,1](#) Now the **Spirit expressly says that in later times** some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and **teachings of demons, 2 through the insincerity of liars whose consciences are seared,**...

2. Doing nothing is an unbelief that hinders God's work:

The world educates Christians to doubt with the command: **"Believe in a miracle only when you see it"**. And we live by it. Jesus told us: **"First believe and then you will see"**:

[Joh 11.40](#) Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that **if you believed** you would see the glory of God?"
If you believe in this sentence, it is a good start.

Only when we believe instead of doubting come the miracles, which as in Mt 11,5 destroy all doubts:

[Mt 11,2](#) Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples 3 and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?"

John the Baptist doubted.

4 And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: 5 the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them.

⇒ **Miracles are the antidote to doubt!**

Doubt is not harmless, it is a womb that begets unbelief.

What happens to preachers who tempt you to do nothing?

[Mt 23,13](#) But **woe to you, scribes and Pharisees**, hypocrites! For **you shut the kingdom of heaven in people's faces**. For you neither enter yourselves **nor allow those who would enter to go in**.

[Mt 23,23](#) **Woe to you**, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have **neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness**.

[Gal 1,8](#) But even **if we** or an angel from heaven **should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed**.