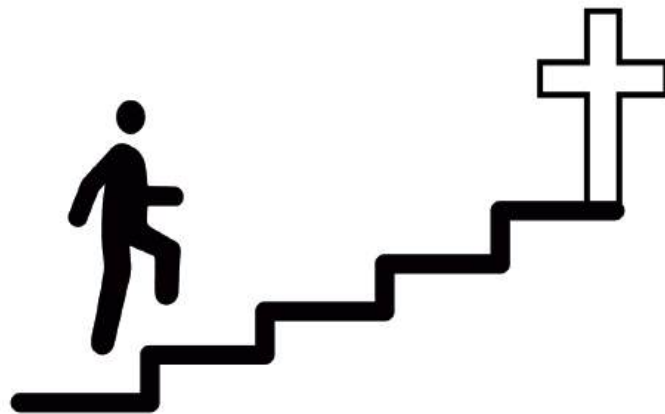


Faith in ACTION

*Staircase
System*

Becoming a Doer of God's Word Through
Daily, Actionable Steps

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“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.”

James 1:22

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Why the Staircase System?

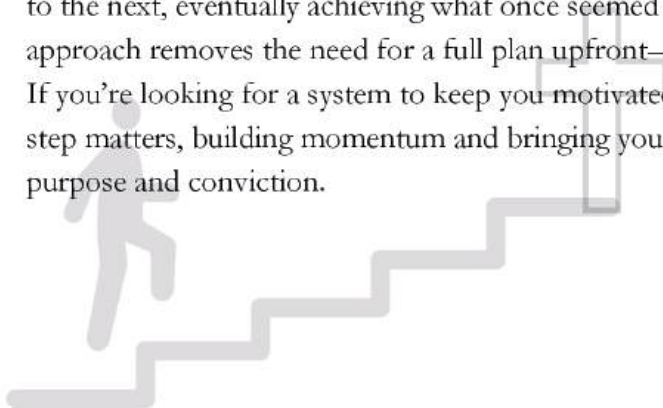
Have you ever felt ready to take your faith to the next level, only to find yourself stuck in a cycle of good intentions without action? It's a frustrating place to be, and there are countless reasons why our best spiritual goals often stall before they even take shape. Sometimes, it's the fear of failure that holds us back. Other times, it's uncertainty about where to start or how to move forward. Whatever the challenge, one thing is certain: if we don't take intentional steps to act on our convictions, our faith risks remaining stagnant. The Faith in Action Staircase System is designed to help you overcome these barriers by taking purposeful, Scripture-based steps—one at a time—toward living out your faith with boldness and transformation.

What is the Staircase System?

The Faith in Action Staircase System is a straightforward yet transformative approach to living out your convictions through purposeful steps of faith. Each action you take, whether big or small, becomes a meaningful step on the staircase toward spiritual growth and transformation. The only guiding principle? Take at least one intentional step every day. Some steps may require bold acts of faith, while others might involve small, quiet moments of obedience. The beauty of this system lies in its consistency: as you steadily ascend, you'll find yourself experiencing the rewards of a deeper relationship with God and a greater alignment with His Word—far beyond what you could have imagined when you first took that initial step.

The Origin of The Staircase System

The Faith in Action Staircase System began as a way to tackle goals that felt out of reach. By focusing on one small, intentional step at a time, I discovered that each action naturally led to the next, eventually achieving what once seemed impossible. This simple yet powerful approach removes the need for a full plan upfront—just the courage to start with one step. If you're looking for a system to keep you motivated and moving forward, this is it. Each step matters, building momentum and bringing you closer to living out your faith with purpose and conviction.



The Faith in Action Staircase System

The Faith in Action Staircase System is a practical and empowering approach to living out Scripture through intentional, faith-filled steps. Whether it's meditating on a single verse, journaling your reflections, or actively applying a biblical principle in your daily life, each action becomes a meaningful step toward spiritual transformation and a closer relationship with God. The beauty of this system lies in its flexibility and emphasis on consistent progress—you don't need to have the entire path mapped out. Instead, you trust that each small step will guide you naturally to the next.

What sets the Faith in Action Staircase System apart is its focus on application and growth. Some days, your step might involve praying for courage to act on a particular conviction, while other days, it might mean extending forgiveness or serving others as Christ teaches. The system encourages not just reading Scripture but living it, helping you develop the strength and consistency to grow in your faith. Whether you're aiming to align your actions with a single verse, explore a passage deeply, or cultivate a new spiritual habit, this system provides a clear framework to stay motivated and focused.

The ultimate goal of the Faith in Action Staircase System is not just to complete steps but to become a doer of the Word, experiencing a life transformed by faith. Each step you take—no matter how small—helps you live out God's truth, deepening your walk with Him and inspiring those around you. Even when the full impact of your efforts isn't immediately visible, you can trust that God is using every step to shape and equip you for greater purpose. As you embark on this journey, may you be strengthened, encouraged, and empowered by God's promises. Take the first step today—faith in action starts here!

John and Madalyn Allen

Frequently Asked Questions
About The Faith in Action Staircase System



1. What is the Faith in Action Staircase System?

The Faith in Action Staircase System is a practical framework designed to help you take intentional, actionable steps based on Scripture. It allows you to focus on specific passages or convictions and move toward transformation by consistently putting your faith into practice.

2. How does the system work?

The system is simple:

1. Choose a Scripture or passage that resonates with you.
2. Identify small, actionable steps to live out that Scripture.
3. Take at least one step every day.
4. Pause for reflection after every tenth step to evaluate your growth and determine your next steps.

3. Why should I pause for reflection after every tenth step?

Pausing after every ten steps allows you to celebrate progress, identify lessons learned, and assess how the Scripture is shaping your thoughts and actions. Reflection helps you realign with your goals and determine the next logical steps, ensuring your journey remains purposeful and impactful.

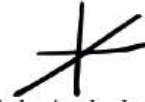
4. Do I have to complete the steps in a set timeframe?

No, the system is flexible and adaptable to your pace. While consistency is key, the focus is on meaningful progress rather than rushing through steps. Take the time you need to fully integrate each step into your life.

5. Can I use this system for more than one Scripture at a time?

Yes, but it's recommended to focus on one Scripture or passage at a time to ensure your efforts are intentional and impactful. Once you've achieved significant growth in one area, you can move on to another Scripture.

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6. What kinds of steps should I take?

Steps can vary depending on the Scripture and your conviction. They might include actions like forgiving someone, practicing gratitude, volunteering, journaling about your progress, or sharing your faith. The key is to make each step meaningful and aligned with the passage you're living out.

7. What if I struggle to stay consistent?

Struggles are part of any growth journey. If consistency is a challenge, start small—focus on taking just one simple step each day. Remember, every small effort matters, and God honors your faithfulness. Use the reflection points to re-motivate and re-focus.

8. Can families use this system together?

Absolutely! The system works wonderfully for individuals, families, or small groups. Families can choose a Scripture together, discuss their individual steps, and support each other as they live out their faith.

9. How will I know when I've "completed" a Scripture?

You'll know when you've become a consistent doer of the Word in that area of your life. If you feel the Scripture has been fully integrated into your thoughts and actions, you can move on to another passage that resonates with you.

10. What if I feel stuck and don't know what step to take next?

When in doubt, pray for guidance and revisit the Scripture you're focusing on. Often, the next step will become clear as you seek God's direction. Remember, even small steps—like reflecting or journaling—are valuable and move you closer to your goal.

Focus Scripture(s)

Let no debt remain outstanding except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law.

Romans 13:8

Ten Step Reflection

I'm encouraged by the steps I've taken. Praying for wisdom and studying the verse in different translations deepened my understanding of God's call to manage my finances well. Memorizing the verse has kept it in my mind, while journaling helped clarify my convictions. Listing my debts and creating a budget has given me a clear picture of my finances, and researching biblical principles like Proverbs 22:7 has guided my approach. I'm seeing how these small steps are bringing me closer to fulfilling my financial goals with love and responsibility.



- 10 Listen to a sermon or podcast about financial stewardship in the Bible.
- 9 Write down ways to demonstrate love to others while working on your financial goals.
- 8 Research biblical principles of money management (like Proverbs 22:7).
- 7 Create a basic budget to track income and expenses.
- 6 List your current debts, including balances and interest rates.
- 5 Journal your convictions about why this Scripture is important to you.
- 4 Memorize Romans 13:8 as a daily reminder of your financial goal.
- 3 Study cross-references to Romans 13:8 that discuss debt and stewardship.
- 2 Read Romans 13:8 in several Bible translations to deepen understanding.
- 1 Pray for wisdom and guidance to steward finances according to God's Word.

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I've made great progress toward living out Romans 13:8. By cutting expenses, setting up automatic payments, and seeking godly counsel, I'm building healthier financial habits. Reflecting on my spending has helped me make better choices, while acts of generosity have kept me focused on others. Celebrating small wins and sharing my journey with a friend has kept me motivated and encouraged as I move closer to my goal of honoring God with my finances.



- 20** Share your journey with a trusted friend or accountability partner to stay encouraged.
- 19** Celebrate paying off a small debt by thanking God for progress.
- 18** Contact a creditor to discuss lowering interest rates or payment plans.
- 17** Write down one financial goal that aligns with honoring God through stewardship.
- 16** Commit to a simple act of generosity, like donating to a cause or helping a friend in need.
- 15** Reflect on past spending habits and identify patterns to change.
- 14** Pray specifically for strength and discipline to avoid unnecessary spending.
- 13** Seek godly counsel or read a book about biblical finances.
- 12** Set up automatic payments for at least one debt to ensure consistency.
- 11** Choose one expense to cut or reduce to allocate funds toward debt repayment.

Need Help Getting Started with The Faith in Action Staircase System?

Below are some common starting points.



Finances

1. Steward money wisely – "Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful." (1 Corinthians 4:2)
2. Avoid unnecessary debt – "Owe no one anything, except to love each other." (Romans 13:8)
3. Give generously to those in need – "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7)
4. Save for future needs – "Precious treasure and oil are in a wise man's dwelling, but a foolish man devours it." (Proverbs 21:20)
5. Tithe faithfully – "Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house." (Malachi 3:10)

Career and Business

1. Work with excellence – "Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men." (Colossians 3:23)
2. Be honest and fair in dealings – "A false balance is an abomination to the Lord, but a just weight is his delight." (Proverbs 11:1)
3. Use talents to glorify God – "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." (1 Peter 4:10)
4. Seek God's guidance in decisions – "Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established." (Proverbs 16:3)
5. Be a light in the workplace – "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden." (Matthew 5:14)

Personal Development

1. Pursue wisdom and knowledge – "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." (Proverbs 9:10)
2. Practice self-control – "A man without self-control is like a city broken into and left without walls." (Proverbs 25:28)
3. Cultivate humility – "Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you." (James 4:10)
4. Guard your mind – "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind." (Romans 12:2)
5. Persevere through challenges – "Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up." (Galatians 6:9)

Health and Fitness

1. Honor God with your body – "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit?" (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)
2. Maintain balance and moderation – "Every athlete exercises self-control in all things." (1 Corinthians 9:25)
3. Be mindful of rest and renewal – "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)
4. Practice discipline in eating and exercise – "For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things." (1 Timothy 4:8)
5. Seek God for healing and strength – "He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength." (Isaiah 40:29)

Quality of Life

1. Practice contentment – "Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have." (Hebrews 13:5)
2. Seek joy in the Lord – "The joy of the Lord is your strength." (Nehemiah 8:10)
3. Live peacefully with others – "If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all." (Romans 12:18)
4. Be thankful in all circumstances – "Give thanks in all circumstances." (1 Thessalonians 5:18)
5. Pursue simplicity – "Better is a little with the fear of the Lord than great treasure and trouble with it." (Proverbs 15:16)

Family and Friends

1. Raise children in faith – "Train up a child in the way he should go." (Proverbs 22:6)
2. Honor your parents – "Honor your father and mother." (Exodus 20:12)
3. Be a source of encouragement – "Therefore encourage one another and build one another up." (1 Thessalonians 5:11)
4. Forgive others – "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you." (Ephesians 4:32)
5. Invest time in relationships – "Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil." (Ecclesiastes 4:9)

Marriage

1. Love sacrificially – "Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church." (Ephesians 5:25)
2. Submit to one another in love – "Submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ." (Ephesians 5:21)
3. Communicate kindly and truthfully – "Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths." (Ephesians 4:29)
4. Pray together – "Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them." (Matthew 18:19)
5. Seek unity and peace – "And the two shall become one flesh." (Mark 10:8)



Singleness

1. Embrace contentment – “I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content.” (Philippians 4:11)
2. Prioritize spiritual growth – “But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.” (Matthew 6:33)
3. Serve others wholeheartedly – “The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord.” (1 Corinthians 7:32)
4. Prepare diligently for the future – “The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance.” (Proverbs 21:5)
5. Pursue holiness and purity – “For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality.” (1 Thessalonians 4:3)

Dating

1. Glorify God in relationships – “Whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.” (1 Corinthians 10:31)
2. Date with intentionality – “Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.” (Psalm 127:1)
3. Seek godly character – “Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.” (Proverbs 31:30)
4. Establish healthy boundaries – “Flee from sexual immorality.” (1 Corinthians 6:18)
5. Pray for guidance – “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.” (Proverbs 3:5-6)

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