

## Cause and Effect

Sometimes the phrase 'cause and effect' has been used in a negative way, but let's look at it in a positive light.

**Matthew 19:1-2 KJV** And it came to pass, that when Jesus had finished these sayings, he departed from Galilee, and came into the coasts of Judaea beyond Jordan; [2] And great multitudes followed him; and he healed them there.

The multitudes that received their healing followed Jesus. The thousands that did not follow Him stayed sick. We see cause and effect happening in this scenario. The people that pursued Jesus received the blessing. In modern day Christianity, people have been taught that God is sovereign and that things happen just because He decides that they're going to happen; without man's actions having anything to do with it. These teachings are heresy. They have robbed so many wonderful people of the blessings that God desires for them to have.

I'm going to show you in the Bible what God did for people because they did something He asked them to do.

**Hebrews 11:5 KJV** By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

**Hebrews 11:7 KJV** By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

**Hebrews 11:8 KJV** By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

**Hebrews 11:11 KJV** Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.

**Hebrews 11:17 KJV** By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son ,

**Hebrews 11:23 KJV** By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.

**Hebrews 11:24-26 KJV** By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; [25] Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; [26] Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.

**Hebrews 11:31 KJV** By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace.

In each of these accounts, men or women did something to cause something. They heard God tell them to do something, and they did it; then God moved, because they moved. We as Christians must not just be waiting on God to do something in our lives; we must take action based on what the Bible says, and we will see the results.

Remember always that God loves you, and we do too.  
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