

9. It is possible that some versions of the Bible don't have verse 21 because a copyist did what?
10. It is also possible that a copyist added the words of verse 21 by way of a what?
11. The doctrine of inspiration applies to what?
12. Should we have any doubts about whether the Bible is the authoritative Word of God?
13. Who wrote a book that demonstrates that the New Testament documents are more reliable than the Declaration of Independence?
14. There were times when the disciples showed an amazing lack of what?
15. Just because you are a Christian doesn't mean you will automatically do what?
16. What does Satan love to do with strengths?
17. How about you: Do you have genuine love and compassion for others, especially those you deem unlovely or unloveable?
18. We know from Mark and Luke that this father knew that there was a what causing the seizures?
19. Why did the father come to the disciples?
20. Jesus refers to His own disciples as what kind of generation?
21. The word "perverse" in the perfect passive (Greek) simply means what?
22. Does the Lord have a time table for our growth?
23. The writer of Hebrews (5:12) rebuked the Christian readers for vacillating back and forth in their what?
24. Are you further along spiritually than you were a year ago or have you remained at the same place, or even gone backwards?
25. Our Lord was grieved at the disciples lack of what?
26. Could the disciples have done what Jesus did (in verse 18)?
27. The problem the disciples had, in relation to casting out the demon, was NOT a lack of what?
28. The disciples had confidence but not what?
29. People often take v. 20 out of context and try to say that faith is equal to what?
30. Faith is not looking to ourselves. It is looking to God and doing what?
31. The disciples seemed to have taken their focus off of God and His power and did what with their confidence?
32. The disciples were faithless in that they weren't looking to and trusting God. They were wrong because they were what?
33. Is this attitude found anywhere today in the body of Christ? What is an example?
34. What, according to verse 21, were the disciples NOT doing?

35. What two words are not found in the best manuscripts of any gospel?

36. The disciples needed to do what (because that was the best thing for them)?

37. The Christian life, our service to the Lord, and our walk with Him have to be carried out with what attitude?

38. Where is your focus today? Where is your confidence? Where is your trust?

39. If your focus, confidence, and trust is in your self, you are headed for what?

Remember: Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Philippians 2:12-13; I Timothy 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

»»How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?

»»How can I accomplish this change?

»»What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

#### **For Next Time:**

**1) Read Matthew 1:1-17:23**

**2) When the Jews of Jesus' day heard the word, "Messiah" what were some things that they thought about?**

**3) Why was Jesus following Jesus?**

**4) Why do you think Jesus had to tell the disciples so often that He was going to die?**

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## **FROM THE MOUNTAIN TOP TO THE VALLEY**

**Matthew 17:14-21**

**(Series #98)**

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon "From the Mountain Top To The Valley." All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. When you go from a very positive, exciting experience to a difficult experience, it is like going from what to what?

2. The events of Matthew 17:14-21 took place some time after what event?

3. The disciples were convinced that Jesus was the Messiah, so they assumed that what was right around the corner?

4. Jesus was preparing them for what?

5. God's program involved (involves) a suffering Servant, then a what?

6. We dare **NOT** assume that Matthew is implying what regarding all epilepsy or all seizures?

7. When the New Testament was written, it was written by men who were guided by whom?

8. How many manuscripts of portions of the New Testament do we have today?

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