

Faith: The Steering Wheel

Dr. V. Raymond Edman (1900 – 1967) was the fourth president of Wheaton College in Wheaton, Ill., a suburb of Chicago. Fourteen major buildings were erected during his 25-year presidency. Dr. Edman was a very active public speaker with engagements in Africa, Europe, the Far and Near East, South America and, of course, all over the United States. He was a personal friend of Billy Graham and often worked with him on his crusades.

Among his many writings is an insightful description of faith. Here is what Dr. Edman wrote:

Faith is ...

*Dead to doubts –
Dumb to discouragements,
Blind to impossibilities,
Knows nothing but success.*

Faith

*Lifts its hand up through
The threatening clouds and
Lays hold of Him Who has
All power in heaven and on earth.*

Faith

*Makes the uplook good
The outlook bright,
The inlook favorable,
And the future glorious.*

Dr. Edman's observations on faith are inspirational and motivational. Faith is not blindly believing in the impossible or hoping for the unknown. Faith is based upon the evidence of God's Word and the belief that what God has said, God will do. Faith is manifest when one acts as if the Bible is true, and then discovers in the doing that it is.

As you go about your responsibilities in Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home today, and in the days ahead, choose to live in, by and with faith. As someone once observed: Our faith should be our steering wheel, not our spare tire.

– Beecher Hunter