

Faith

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- What it is Hebrews 11:1-3
 - As a noun it is an allegiance to duty, person, or a deity
 - As a verb it is belief and trust and loyalty in God. Firm belief in something for which there is no proof. A complete confidence or strong conviction.
 - Faith is a **firm persuasion** (changing of mind, attitude, and actions.) Phil. 3: 8-9
 - Faith is a **substance** and a **reality** Heb 11: 11
 - Faith is a **Gift** from God
 - Faith is a **response** of **hearing** Heb. 11: 7
 - The main element of faith in its relation to the **invisible** God, as distinct from faith in man, are especially brought out in the use of this noun (pistis) and the corresponding verb (pesteuo). They are a
 - Firm **conviction** producing a full acknowledgement of God's **revelation** or **truth** Hebrews 11:8
 - **Personal** surrender to Him John 1:12
 - **Conduct** (works) that is inspired by such surrender. II Cor. 5:7 James 2:17
 - Prominence is given to one or other of the elements according to the context.
 - All this stands in contrast to belief in its purely natural exercise, which consists of an opinion held in good faith without necessary reference to its proof.
 - In Romans 4: 17-21 Paul shows that Abraham's faith was not God's **promise** rather his Faith **rested** on God Himself.
 - For his faith was **increased** by:
 - **Hearing** the word.
 - **Keeping** his hope for the future a result of his faith in the present.
 - Not **excepting** the evidences of his senses
 - Not **wavering** in his convictions.
 - **Rejoicing** in the Word.
- Hindrances to Faith
 - **Unbelief, ignorance**, disobedience Luke 24: 11, Matt 13: 58
 - Hope in **worldly** things doubting faith Luke 18: 22-23, John 20: 25
 - Our **senses** John 11: 39
 - **Wavering** spirit Luke 24: 25
 - Unworthiness Romans 1: 21-32
 - **Fear**

- Where it comes from – What is the source of True Faith
 - Rom 10: 14-17 Comes by hearing the word of God
 - Faith is kept alive by a small voice inside of us (God)
 - By miracles of faith it is affected.
 - 3 Ingredients for faith
 - **Knowledge** II Tim 1:12
 - **Belief** Heb. 11:6
 - **Trust** I Jn 5:14

- God gives every believer the measure of faith necessary for the situation.
Romans 12: 3
 - Faith is like a seed having a potential for growth. Matt 17: 20
- Three levels of Faith
 - **Little** Faith Matt 6: 30, 14: 28-31
 - **Great** Faith Matt 8: 10, 9: 28, 14: 21-28
 - **Perfect** Faith (**active** faith) James 2: 22
- How to have it active through the Word
 - Locate the **promise** in God's Word that fits the need.
Phil 4: 9, II Cor. 1: 20
 - Fulfill all **conditions** attached to the need. Ps 37: 5 Isa 1: 19-20
 - With **patience** accept God's testing of your faith
James 1: 3-4, Hebrews 6: 12-15, Ps. 105: 19

- Scriptural Faith is Hebrews 11:6
 - Of the heart and not the mind
 - A present tense verb.