

▪ *Series: Contending For The Faith*

**Lesson 6: Becoming Fully Persuaded [21 July 2019]**

- **Jude 3**
- **Timothy 6:12**

**I. The Spirit of Power, Love and a Sound Mind**

- A. 1 Timothy 1:7, 13 & 14
  - 1. Sound = healthy, wellbeing, uncorrupt, solid & firm, free from intoxicating influences (having the Mind of Christ - Anointed).
- B. Mark 4:26 - 29
  - 1. Faith needs Consistency
  - 2. Consistency needs soundness of mind.
    - a. All of this during the growing process: The Law of Progression
- C. Luke 8:15 describes a person
  - 1. Who is honest (is truthful with himself)
  - 2. Has a Good Heart (good soil to plant the Seed in).
  - 2. Who has heard the Word of God and Keeps (protects, guards and operates in).
    - a. Keeps = hold fast, take a firm grip and possess
- D. Hebrews 10:23, 35 & 36
  - 1. Bring forth fruit with Patience
  - 2. Luke 21:19 = in your patience possess you soul
- E. Hebrews 6:12 - 15
  - 1. Verse 12: slothful = very slow or lazy
  - 2. The Bible is the way to simplify our lives — not complicate it.

**II. Becoming Fully Persuaded**

- A. Hebrews 6:12 -15
  - 1. Verse 12: slothful = not lazy, (giving effort to build your faith and use it).
  - 2. Verse 15: He (Abraham) obtained the promise
  - 3. The bible is a Revelation of the Promises of God to Man
    - a. Old Covenant = the Promises to the Jews
    - b. New Covenant = the Promises of Abraham, Christ's Seed and heirs to those same Promises.
- B. When Faith & Patience operate together, the Promise will manifest.
  - 1. Ephesians 1:13 = the progression of Fully Persuaded Faith
    - a. Trust - Believe - Faith (fully persuaded)
    - b. Faith is birthed out of our Trust & Belief in God's Word.
- C. Romans 4:16-21 = Abraham's Process to Faith
  - 1. Romans 4:17 = it begins with "calling those things that are not as though they WERE"
    - a. Not calling those things as though they didn't exist
    - b. You can't throw the bills into the trash and claim they don't exist
    - c. You also cannot continually rehearse the problem and expect God's Word to overcome that problem
    - d. Faith
    - e. Faith's Confession (profession) is based on verse 17

- D. Build the Blueprint: (Romans 4:18) [Amplified Classic Version] [*For Abraham, human reason for*] hope being gone, hoped in faith that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been promised, So [*numberless*] shall your descendants be. [Genesis 15:5]
1. When all human reason is gone, hope is gone with it
  2. Hope has to be in place for Faith to develop
  3. When there is no hope there is nothing for Faith to bring substance to
    - a. Hope = Expectation
  4. What keeps us from Bible Hope?
    - a. Lack of knowledge: Hosea 4:6
    - b. Lack of vision (can't see victory ahead): Proverbs 29:18
  5. The Bible is the General Will of God for ALL Mankind
    - a. Disappointment is a frustration to hope (blocks it)
      - i. Hope is the Vision for Triumph, Victory
  6. Romans 4:17 = Abraham took his eyes off the physical
    - a. 2 Corinthians 4:17-18
- E. Keep Your Focus on God's Word (Promise)
1. Romans 4:20 = don't let God's promise look too GOOD that it can't come to pass
  2. Patience works toward the finished (Manifestation) Promise
  3. James 1:2-8
    - a. James 1:4