

FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT OF FAITH
VOLUME 2: THE FORCES OF THE RECREATED HUMAN SPIRIT
MESSAGE 2: THE FORCE OF FAITH
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- FOUNDATION:

- 1 Timothy 6:12
- 2 Peter 1:12-13
- Ephesians 2:8 = Grace to Salvation by Faith

I. Basic Principles of Faith

- a. Faith begins where the Will of God is Known
- b. Hebrews 11:6
 - i. Colossians 1:9-10
- c. What do you know and believe about God?
 - i. You must believe that God exists
 - ii. You must believe that God is Who He says He is
 - iii. You must believe that God is a Rewarder of those who diligently seek Him (the reward is not just heaven when we die)
- d. Hebrews 11:1
 - i. 3 very important principles of Faith
 - 1. What is Faith?
 - 2. How do we get, maintain and build Faith?
 - 3. How do we make our Faith work for us?

II. Defining Faith

- a. Hebrews 11:1 = Faith is: Substance, Evidence
 - i. Hebrews 11:1 [*Moffatt's Translation*] "Now faith means that we are confident of what we hope for, convinced of what we do not see"
 - ii. Heb 11:1 [*Amplified Classic Version*] NOW FAITH is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses].
 - 1. Faith is a firm conviction producing a full acknowledgement of God's Revealed Truth
 - 2. Acknowledgment is to know thoroughly, to confess, speak or declare that known knowledge
 - 3. "Faith is grasping the unrealities of hope and bringing them into the realm of natural reality." [Kenneth E Hagin]

III. What is Faith?

- a. Hebrews 11:1 [*Moffatt's Translation*] “Now faith means that we are confident of what we hope for, convinced of what we do not see”
 - i. Hope is an Expectation – what is your expectancy?
 - ii. A farmer plants corn seed with the expectation of growing, selling and eating corn – what does he need to do to get that corn?
- b. Faith is giving substance to that hope (expectancy)
- c. Faith is your title deed – what you have been hoping for is now yours
- d. Faith grows from the Word of God [Romans 10:17]
- e. Faith is a living force that must be fed – it is fed by the Word of God
 - i. (Jeremiah 15:16) [*Amplified Classic Version*] Your words were found, and I ate them; and Your words were to me a joy and the rejoicing of my heart, for I am called by Your name, O Lord God of hosts.
 - ii. (Job 23:12) [*Amplified Classic Version*] I have not gone back from the commandment of His lips; I have esteemed and treasured the words of His mouth more than my necessary food.