

How Is Your Faith?



Introduction

We are approaching the end of 2025. Time to examine ourselves **(2 Corinthians 13:5)**.

It is estimated that only about 25% to 45% keep their resolutions beyond January..

Determining what we want to accomplish, we can begin to make preparations to give us a better chance to keep our resolutions.

Introduction

Today I would like to begin a quest toward next year by asking, How is my faith?

Faith is the foundation of our lives as Christians.

We build upon it – **2 Peter 1:5-7**.

Let us consider some ways that faith is described in scripture.

Is your faith “little”?

Examples of insufficient faith:

- Dead faith – **James 2:17**
 - Vain faith – **Matthew 7:21-23, 15:8-9**
 - Demonic faith – **James 2:19** (intellectual)
 - Shipwrecked faith – **1 Timothy 1:19**
- But what about little faith?

Is your faith “little”?

Little faith is faith that is weak. Not as strong as it ought to be.

- **Matthew 14:31** – as Peter sank
- **Matthew 8:26** – As storm at sea (cf. **Mark 4:40** – “no faith”)
- **Matthew 16:8** – warning to beware of leaven
- **Matthew 17:17-21** – failure to cast out a demon

Is your faith “little”?

Matthew 6:30 – describing one who worries

Often our faith ought to be greater.

- Do we trust God as much as we should?
- Do we believe in His power, but show a lack of faith?
- Do we believe God answers our prayers?
- Do we believe He forgives our sins?

Are you walking by faith?

2 Corinthians 5:7, *For we walk by faith, not by sight*

Means that we trust Him as we live our lives.

- We are living as strangers & pilgrims
- When the world pulls us, we continue to trust God
- We live differently –

1 Peter 4:1-4, Romans 12:1

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Means that we believe what He tells us in His word –

1 Thessalonians 4:1-3.

We were not with Jesus on earth, but we believe what the Bible says happened. Etc. **Hebrews 11:6**

Do you have a strong faith?

Hebrews 11:8, Romans 4:20-22 – Abraham trusted God. His faith was strengthened
(**Genesis 15:6**)

A strong faith obeys God, even when you do not understand or when it is difficult. We never deny Him. **Matthew 7:21, Hebrews 5:9**

Is your faith increasing?

Luke 17:5, *Increase our faith.*

As we mature, we are growing stronger.

2 Thessalonians 1:3

Many examples of mature faith – Abraham

David – **Psalms 37:25**, *I have never seen the righteous forsaken.*

IF we are growing our faith will be getting stronger

Do you have a working faith?

James 2:14-20, *Faith without works is dead*

James 1:22, 25 – we are doers of the word,
work.

Jesus emphasized this – **Matthew 28:20**

Do you have a working faith?

God never commends inactivity

Hebrews 11 – every example was active as they believed – Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Joseph, etc.

Matthew 6:1, 5, 16 – NOT to be seen of men

NOTE: This is the point of **Ephesians 2:8-9**

Do you have faith that shows

1 Thessalonians 1:8 – their faith was known

Romans 1:8 – their faith was spoken of
throughout the world

Matthew 5:15-16 – Do not hide your light

Do you have faith that shows

WHEN our faith is what it ought to be, we do not need “billboard faith”. It is NOT about what you are wearing!

Cf. 1 Peter 3:3-4 – not merely outward, but the hidden person of the heart.

It is your character that reveals who you are.

Do you have precious faith

2 Peter 1:1 (NKJV) – like precious faith (of equal standing with others). Implies value and sharing

1 Peter 1:7, 19 – genuine (real, not pretentious) & precious (valuable) faith

Hebrews 3:12 - do not let your faith cause you to depart from God

We must guard our faith, keep it pure and without sacrifice

Is your faith tried and true?

Given enough time, your faith will be tested -

Hebrews 11:17 – Abraham's faith was tested

1 Peter 1:7 – your genuine faith tested by fire

James 1:2-3 – count it all joy... the testing of your faith...

1 John 5:3-5 – Our faith overcomes the world.

We need a faith that will NEVER compromise, give up or give in!

Concluding remarks

We can see the type of faith we need!

If your faith is not as it ought, resolve to change in 2026. And use this month to put into place your goals.

Resolve to remain faithful as long as this world stands.

THEN you will finally see the results of your faith realized in heaven with God and the faithful!

So, How Is Your Faith?



Let us pray!



