

Lesson 1-4 Faith (I)

1. Do you want to be pleasing to God?

Yes

2. List 5 things you can do that are pleasing to God.

Pray

Love others

Read the Bible

Do good deeds

Forgive others

3. Read Hebrews 11:6 and restate it in your own words.

Hebrews 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. (ESV)

I draw near to God by faith, and by faith I believe that He will reward me for seeking Him.

4. How does Hebrews 11:6 affect your answers in question number 2?

In order to please Him, all the items in item 2, must be done by faith.

5. If the actions in question number 2 are not done in faith, are they pleasing to God?

No

6. Since faith is the only way to please God, we need to understand what it is. What is your definition of faith?

Faith is believing without seeing.

7. The Bible's definition of faith is found in Hebrews 11:1. This is a scripture you should memorize and meditate on often. Remember since faith is the only way to please God we must make this a top priority in our lives. Faith is the key to everything in our relationship to God and our spiritual growth.

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

8. In order to understand something it helps to put it in your own words and write it down. Please put the Biblical definition of faith in your own words.

Faith is: believing God will do what he promised. Faith is our hope in Him.

9. This is an extremely important teaching and a good time to use what we learned in lesson 2. It is the Holy Spirit's job to give us truth and teach us all things (John 14:26 and John 16:13). So, ask Him to teach you the truth about faith.

John 14:26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.
John 16:13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

10. Consider David who is a believer, he has prayed many times to be healed from his diabetes. He has had his pastor and other friends anoint him with oil and believe God for healing. After 30 years of fighting his diabetes, he lay on his death bed; he thanked God for his life and all the blessings he received from God; He thanked God that his name was written in the Lamb's book of Life; He even thanked God for his diabetes. Keeping the definition of faith in mind, how do his friends view this?

Some may respect his faith and others may wonder why God didn't answer the prayers. Some may even say it is proof that God doesn't exist or doesn't care

How does David view this?

Through faith, David believed that his name was written in the Lamb's Book of Life, and that God loved him. Because David knew that God loved him, he accepted, by faith, God's will concerning this sickness.

How does God view this?

It pleases God when we have faith and trust in Him, no matter what happens. Our responsibility is to have faith. God's responsibility is to govern the universe.

11. Faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen. Do past experiences build faith?

No, because faith has nothing to do with sight.

12. If you observe a miracle from God, will that build your faith? Is seeing believing?

Only if we trusted Him first, before the miracle. Seeing miracles does not build faith.

13. Moses and the children of Israel were given a promise to be delivered from Egypt and brought to a new land filled with milk and honey. They saw the plagues of Egypt and the defeat of Pharaoh. In the desert, they were provided with the manna and quail to eat; they were provided with water out of a rock. They had the pillar of fire to guide them at night and a pillar of cloud to guide them during the day. They heard the voice of God on the mountain and said to Moses: you go and speak to God for us and we will stay here. While Moses was on the mountain, they built a golden calf to be their god. After seeing all the miracles that God did for them, why did they not have any faith?

Moses has a relation with God, he knew God and had faith in Him. The children of Israel did not want to speak to God or form a

bond with Him. Seeing the miracles did not build their faith in God.

14. Agnes has decided that she can't be a believer unless she sees a miracle. Will seeing a miracle give her faith?

No

15. Read Math 15 :22-28.

Matthew 15:22 And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon."

Matthew 15:23 But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us."

Matthew 15:24 He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

Matthew 15:25 But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me."

Matthew 15:26 And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs."

Matthew 15:27 She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."

Matthew 15:28 Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

where did the woman get such understanding ?

Somehow she heard about Jesus and she believed and had faith in Him.

16. Did she know who Jesus was?

Yes, she called Him Lord and Son of David. This indicates she understood and believed that Jesus was the Messiah and that He had the authority and power to heal her daughter.

17. Did she know the truth?

Yes

18. Did she have confidence in her understanding of truth ?

Yes

19. Do you speak to God like this woman did?

Yes, when we know Him we can ask for anything. And through faith we know that He will always hear us and give to us what is according to His perfect will.

20. Jesus said to her “Great is your faith, let it be done to you as you want.” would you like Jesus to say this to you?

Absolutely

21. would you like to have your faith “great“? we will study this in lesson 1-5.

Yes I would.

22. Memory Verse Hébreux. 11:1

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23. conclusion: If you live by faith and not by sight, you will be pleasing to God.