

Lessons On Faith

Faith Simply Defined

FAITH "It is important to notice that Hebrews 11:1 is no exception to the rule that "faith" normally means "reliance," "trust." (ISBE)

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"Lord Increase Our Faith" (Luke 17:5)

- ▣ In times of temptation. **James 1:1-2**
- ▣ In times of sadness and sorrow. **Hebrews 13:5; 12:1**
- ▣ In time of duty and obedience.
 - Forgiveness. **Luke 17:1-4**
 - Giving. **1 Corinthians 16:1-2; 2 Corinthians 9:6-7; 8:1-3**
 - Assembling. **Hebrews 10:24-25**
 - Seeking the kingdom first. **Matthew 6:33**

"Lacking In Your Faith" (1 Thessalonians 3:7-10)

- ▣ Zeal. **1 Thessalonians 1:3,7,8**
- ▣ Steadfastness. **1 Thessalonians 3:8**
 - Suffered. **1 Thessalonians 2:14**
 - False teaching. **2 Thessalonians 2:1-3**
 - Discouragement. **2 Thessalonians 3:11-13**
- ▣ Growth. **2 Thessalonians 1:3**
- ▣ Motive. **1 Thessalonians 1:6-8**
- ▣ Obedience. **cf. Acts 17:4**

The Fight Of Faith 1 Timothy 6:12

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- ▣ Must be militant. **1 Corinthians 9:25-26; 2 Timothy 4:6-7; Ephesians 6:10; Philippians 1:27**
- ▣ Devil & his angels. **Ephesians 6:10-12; 1 Peter 5:8; 2 Corinthians 4:1-4; 2 Corinthians 10:5ff**
 - Discouragement. **1 Corinthians 5; cf. 2 Corinthians 2:5-11**
- ▣ World. **James 4:4; 1 John 2:15-17; Matthew 16:24-26; cf. 2 Timothy 4:10**
 - Desire to be like others. **1 Samuel 8; Romans 12**

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- ▣ Against fleshly lusts.
 - Flee. [2 Timothy 2:22](#); [1 Corinthians 6:18](#); [Genesis 39:12](#)
 - Abstain. [1 Peter 1:14](#); [2:11](#)
 - Make no provision for. [Romans 13:11-14](#)
- ▣ Against error. [2 Timothy 2:15-18](#); [1 Timothy 4:2](#); [Matthew 7:15](#); [2 Peter 2:1ff](#)
 - Must prepare. [2 Peter 3:18](#)
- ▣ Against apathy. [Romans 13:11](#); [Colossians 3:1-4](#); [1 Corinthians 15:58](#); [Revelation 3:16](#)

The Good Fight ... 1 Timothy 6:12

- ▣ A worthy cause. [John 6:68](#)
- ▣ A stand for right. [1 Corinthians 16:13](#)
 - Right doctrine. [1 Timothy 4:16](#)
 - Right gospel. [Galatians 1:6-7](#)
 - Right Church. [Matthew 16:18](#)
 - May have to stand alone. [1 Kings 18:20-22](#); [2 Timothy 4:16](#)
- ▣ Must oppose sin. [2 Timothy 4:2-4](#); [Ephesians 5:11](#)
- ▣ Glorifies God. [Matthew 5:16](#); [James 4:7](#)

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- ▣ Directed by faith. [2 Corinthians 5:7](#), [18ff](#)
 - *"faith comes by hearing ..."* [Romans 10:17](#)
 - *cf. Galatians 2:20*
- ▣ Faith gives courage. [Hebrews 10:22-23](#); [Hebrews 11:13](#)
 - Takes courage to overcome. [2 Corinthians 4:16-5:4](#)
- ▣ Victory through faith. [1 John 5:4](#); [1 Corinthians 15:54-58](#)

We must *"fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on the life eternal"*
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