

Lord, Change My Attitude to Faith

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Scripture for today's lesson: Heb 11:1

“Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.”

Must we ‘see’ in order to trust?

Definitions or meanings for Doubt:

1. Short Version: Faith: ***Forever Am I Trusting Him!***
 - Christian faith is an attitude of trust rooted in the God who has revealed Himself in Jesus Christ & His Scriptures.

Five Principles concerning Faith:

PRINCIPLE 1: Faith is **Substance**.

Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. Jas 1:2-4

PRINCIPLE 2: Faith is **evidence**.

“Let the **the word of Christ richly dwell within you**, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms & hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.” Col 3:16

PRINCIPLE 3: Faith is **Hearing God's Word**.

“So faith ***comes from hearing, & hearing by the word of Christ.***” Rom10:17

PRINCIPLE 4: Faith is not part of the Christian life, faith is the whole thing.

And my God will **meet all your needs** according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. Phil 4:19

PRINCIPLE 5: Faith is ongoing...

1. **Cultivate our faith with God's Word .**
2. **Confess your faith with the mouth .**
3. **Center our faith with trusting action .**

“But let him ask in faith, with no doubting , for the one who doubts, is like a wave of the sea that is driven & tossed by the wind.” Jas 1:6

Group Discussion Questions:

- What do you stand on this continuum: Put an (X) on the Line

E.G. Doubt _____ Faith

- Can you describe the last time when you totally and purposefully trusted God about something challenging?
- Share specifically an experience of how you grew in faith for Christ.
- What can you do to have more faith in God?