

faith ^{is} being sure
of what we hope for
& certain of what we
do NOT see. Heb. 11:1

Living by Faith in God

1 Thessalonians 3:1-10



Test #1: “Am I doing this for the glory of God, or just to please myself?”

A. The example of Abraham.

Romans 4:20, “He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God.”

“For with God nothing will be impossible.” (Luke 1:37)

Matthew 19:26 “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

B. Faith is believing God!

“fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.”
(Rom. 4:21)

C. Faith’s motive is God’s Glory.

D. What about us?



Test #2: “Am I rushing ahead impulsively, or am I willing to wait.”

A. Faith and Patience always go together.

Romans 10:11, “Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.”

Isaiah 28:16: “Behold, I lay in Zion a stone for a foundation, A tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation; Whoever believes will not act hastily.”

B. Christians need to wait on the Lord.

Rom. 14:23b, “for whatever is not from faith is sin.”



Test #3: “Can I defend what I am doing from the Word of God?”

A. True Faith is always grounded in God’s Word.

Romans 10:17, “*So then faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God.*”

B. Remember what Jonah did?



**Test #4: “As I contemplate this move,
do I have joy and peace within,
or am I doubting?”**

A. Peace, a great meter to determine God’s direction.

Romans 15:13, Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

B. An Old Testament Illustration.

C. Now, let us apply our “Four Tests of Faith.”



***Are we walking by faith?
The Just shall live by faith!***

