

The New Testament sets forth “Seven Indispensable Things.”

**I will read Hebrews 11:1-6 from the Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)**

### **The Definition of Faith**

What is faith?

It can be a denomination, set of principles, or general belief.

It is more than intellectual agreement. It is more than mental assent.

The Greek word used here is the word “pistis.”

Two words set forth the essential elements of faith:

1) substance (reality), and 2) evidence (proof).

We say, “Seeing is believing.” Faith has the conviction of, “Believing is seeing.”

### **The Distinction of Faith**

Faith is the only valuable medium of exchange.

The kingdom runs on faith. Not activity. Not intention. Not feelings. Not faking it.

### **The Design of Faith**

First, they must believe that God exists.

Second, God's servants must believe that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Faith will accomplish three things in every life:

- 1) Faith will make your life pleasing to God.
- 2) Faith will make you more aware of the presence and activity of God.
- 3) Faith will make you eligible for the blessings of God.

### **CONCLUSION:**

Without faith it is impossible to please God.

With faith the vault of heaven is open before you.

Feed your faith and your doubts will starve to death.