

Are You an Individual of Faith?

“Do you have faith, or does faith have you? Do you possess faith, or does faith possess you?”

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, was explicit about the importance of faith in the life of the child of God. In Romans 1:17 and Galatians 3:11, Paul quoted the prophet Habakkuk, who, recording the words of the Lord, said, “the righteous shall live by faith” (2:4), as did the Hebrew writer in Hebrews 10:38. As we consider these passages, we cannot rationally miss the point of Paul’s statements in 2 Corinthians 5:7, when he said, “for we walk by faith, not by sight.”

Faith is something that most everybody wants, but only a few will attain, due to what faith requires. The Hebrew writer gives us a definition, as well as various examples of faith, and thereby, sets before us the challenge and the question, “are we people of faith?”

In Hebrews 11:1, we have the definition: “faith is assurance of things hoped for, a conviction of things not seen.” In verse 6, this definition is put into a practical format: “without faith it is impossible to be well-pleasing unto him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is (conviction of things not seen), and that he is a rewarder of them that seek him (assurance of things hoped for). ret