

Faith That Pleases God

Hebrews 11:6 (KJV)

⁶But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Hebrews 11:1(KJV). Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Faith that pleases God is always action is tied to obedience.

Faith: The Greek word translated "substance" is hupostasis {hoop-os'-tas-is} it means "to stand under", i.e., to be a foundation.

Faith vs Doubt. Matthew 14:28-33

Doubt cancels faith, remember when Peter was walking on the water? He got distracted, took his eyes off Jesus, and began to sink.

Faith That Pleases God means:

1. Look for Jesus and keep looking to Jesus. Although a storm surrounded Him, Peter looked to Jesus. The only problem was that he stopped looking at Jesus.
2. When Jesus commands you, obey Him. Jesus told Peter to “come” to Him on the water. Even though it made no sense, Peter did what Jesus said. This is what obedience looks like—doing what Jesus says. Is there any area in your life that you are not obeying the Lord?
3. Faith that pleases God is simply taking the next step. Peter took one step to get out of the boat and onto the water. Peter was doing just fine when he was focused on the next step and got into trouble when he lost sight of his next step. What next step has Jesus asked you to take?

4. Faith that pleases God unleashes the supernatural. Peter did not experience the supernatural power of God that allowed him to walk on water until he trusted as evidenced by his actions.
5. Fear and doubt will sink you. When Peter had faith, he walked on water. When he had fear, he sank in the water. The same is true for us. Fear will sink you. Is there any fear that is gripping and controlling your decision making?
6. Faith that pleases God allows Jesus to be our savior in all things. Jesus saved Peter from drowning. What things has Jesus saved you from?
7. Faith that pleases God allows You to choose to worship over worry. In an instant, the men went from worrying about their circumstances to worshipping their Christ. Which do we do more of, worry or worship?
8. Faith that pleases God is confidence and conviction and action tied to obedience. Look at Enoch in particular it is said "he pleased God" - He 11:5.

Faith that pleases God is about His priorities becoming our priorities and His agenda becoming our agenda. It is all about Christ and His righteousness and His example and His obedience. Because it is only in and through Christ that God is pleased.