

DO YOU KNOW HIM?
"The Significance of Faith"
Hebrews 11:1

INTRODUCTION:

1. **John 15:1-11** *"Abiding in the Vine"*

2. **Some Fruit Believers can bear:**

a) *Romans 1:13*

b) *Romans 6:22*

c) *Romans 15:27-28*

d) *Colossians 1:10*

e) *Hebrews 13:15*

3. FOUR IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT FRUIT BEARING

I. THE SOURCE OF SPIRITUAL FRUIT

A. THE VINE - *Jesus*

1. Vs 1a

B. THE VINEDRESSER - *The Father*

1. Vs 1b

C. THE BRANCHES - *Believers*

1. Vs 2, 3

II. THE SECRET OF BEING FRUITFUL

A. IT'S S COMMAND

1. Vs 4a

a) *"Abide in me"*

1) Means to *"remain in fellowship"* - in a tight relationship

2. **James 4:4**

a) *"Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you"*

3. Vs 4b

III. THE SEVERE CONSEQUENCES OF FRUITLESSNESS

A. BEING SET ASIDE

1. Vs 6

2. Why? Because we make a choice no to remain in intimate communion.

B. LOSS OF REWARD

1. Vs 6b
2. 1 Corinthians 3:10-15

IV. THE SPLENDOR OF BEING FRUITFUL

A. ANSWERED PRAYER

1. Vs 7

- a) **WOW!!!** That's a guarantee

B. GOD WILL BE GLORIFIED

1. Vs 8a

C. EVIDENCE OF SALVATION

1. 8b

- a) "So prove"

D. EXPERIENCE OF LOVE

1. Vs 9-10

E. EXPERIENCE OF JOY

1. Vs 11

- a) "that your joy may be full"

4. John 15:12a

- a) "This is my commandment"

5. Hebrews 11:1

- a) "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen"

6. Hebrew 10:35

- a) "Therefore, do not throw away your confidence"

7. Vs 36

- a) "For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised."

8. John 15:7

9. Hebrews 10:37-39

FOUR ASPECTS TO THE FAITH A BELIEVER TO EXERCISE

I. FAITH IS A LIFESTYLE

1. *Hebrews 10:38* KJV

a) "The just shall live by faith"

2. That verse says, "If you are not operating by faith, you are not righteous."

3. **WOW!!!** Those who learn to live by faith, get to experience God in action!!!

II. DEFINITION OF FAITH

1. **QUESTION:** What exactly is faith? & How does it work??

a) **Answer:** *Hebrews 11:1*

2. 11:1

a) "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."

1) "**assurance**" - means something which is placed under. Something that is used for a foundation, it is **substance!!**

3. 11:1 KJV

4. For **FAITH** to be **FAITH** it must have **SUBSTANCE**.

a) *That means it must be anchored to something.*

5. 11:1

a) "*the assurance of things hoped for*"

1) Hope is an expectation about the future of which you are CONVINCED OF.

2) Faith is the title deed of things that are still future.

3) Faith is living in a hope that is so real it gives absolute assurance.

6. Faith is tied to **SUBSTANCE**, that is not yet seen or experienced by the **FIVE** senses but that you are **CONVINCED** is real, **BASED** on the **INTEGRITY** of the **SUBSTANCE** (SUBJECT) that is calling for **FAITH**.

III. HAVING FAITH PLEASES GOD

1. *Hebrews 10:36*

2. *Hebrews 11:6*

a) "*And without faith it is IMPOSSIBLE to please HIM*"

3. Without faith you are displeasing to God.

IV. A LACK OF FAITH CHALLENGES GOD

1. **QUESTION:** "*Why do you think God gets all upset about whether we have faith or not?*"

2. **ANSWER:** *When a believer refuses to trust God and live by faith, it challenges God's integrity.*

3. **THE REASON PEOPLE DOUBT GOD IS BECAUSE THEY DOUBT THE INTEGRITY OF HIS WORD.**

CONCLUSION:

1. *2 Corinthians 5:7*

"For we walk by faith, not by sight"

FAITH is acting like *it is so*
EVEN when *it's not so*
IN ORDER that *it might be so*
SIMPLY because *God said so*

2. *John 15:7-11*