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INVESTING YOUR LIFE THROUGH FAITH Investing Your Life

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PART 2 of 7
Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)

“Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him.” Heb 11:6 (NIV)

“Build your lives on the foundation of your holy faith.” Jude 20

I INVEST MY LIFE THROUGH FAITH BY:

1. **BELIEVING WHEN I DON'T SEE IT.**

“Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.”
Heb 11:1 (NIV)

Some things you have to believe in order to see it.

Warner von Braun: “There has never been any significant achievement in human history that was not accompanied by faith.”

Faith turns dreams into reality.

2. **OBEYING WHEN I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT.**

“It was by faith that Noah built an ark to save his family from the flood. He obeyed God who warned him about something that had never happened before.”
Hebrews 11:17 (NLT)

“It was faith that made Abraham obey when God called him to go out to a country God has promised to him. He left his own country without knowing where he was going.” Hebrews 11:8 (GN)

Faith always involves risking.

3. **GIVING WHEN I DON'T HAVE IT.**

Giving and faith go together. God uses finances to test our faith.

“It was faith that made Abel’s offering to God a better sacrifice than Cain’s. Through his faith God approved of his giving.” Hebrews 11:4 (GN)

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Two ways to give:

- By reason
- By revelation

“Because of their great joy, they gave even more than they could afford.” 2 Cor. 8:2-3 (ICB)

“Whoever sows sparingly will reap sparingly, but whoever sows generously will reap generously. And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.” 2 Cor. 9:6-8 (NIV/NLT)

4. PERSISTING WHEN I DON'T FEEL IT.

Mature people live by their commitments, not their emotions. Successful people are simply ordinary people who do what the average person doesn't feel like doing.

“It was by faith that Moses left Egypt and was not afraid of the King's anger. He held to his purpose like a man who could see the invisible.” Heb. 11:27 (JB)

The key is to keep your eyes on God. When you keep your eyes on God, it keeps you persistent.

- If you look at your problem – you're going to be overwhelmed.
- If you look at the world – you'll be distressed.
- If you look within – you'll be depressed.
- If you look at God – you'll be at rest.

5. THANKING GOD BEFORE I RECEIVE IT.

“By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after the people had marched around them for seven days.” Hebrews 11:30 (NIV)

- Faith is not believing God can do something.
- Faith is not believing God will do something.
- Faith is believing God is doing something right now even though I don't see it.

“When you pray and ask for something, believe that you have received it and you will be given what you ask for.” Mark 11:24 (GN)

If you wait to thank God after answered prayer, that is not faith – that's gratitude. Faith is thanking God in advance.

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6. **TRUSTING IF I DON'T GET IT.**

God did say, 'I will meet all your needs.' He didn't say 'I'll meet all your greeds.'

"They were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised. God had planned something better..." Heb 11:39-40 (NIV)

TWO WAYS GOD BUILDS OUR FAITH

1. **THROUGH HIS WORD.**

"Faith comes from hearing the Word of God." Romans 10:17 (NIV)

2. **THROUGH TRIALS AND TESTING.**

"These trials are only to test your faith ... and your faith is far more precious to God than mere gold... it will bring you much praise and honor on the day of his return."

I Peter 1:7 (LB)

God will use:

Difficulties to test your faith

Demands to test your faith

Dollars to test your faith

Delays to test your faith