

What Pleases God?

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

—Hebrews 11:6

How do you explain your faith? Is it your allegiance? Is it commitment? Is it simply another way to say “I identify with Christ”?

Faith is not a badge we wear because of something noteworthy that we do. It is not evidenced by the committees we serve on, or the fact that we know all the right answers in Sunday School class. It is nothing that brings attention to us.

Instead of recognizing the great things we can do for the Lord, faith is aware of how inadequate we are. It is a deep seated understanding that without Christ we are nothing. It is a humble spirit that knows just how poor, weak, and insufficient we are.

People of faith have power because they realize that no good thing dwells within them. They do not try to convince others or God how much talent, knowledge, or wisdom they have. They come open handed and open hearted to humbly receive whatever God desires in His grace to give them. They are willing to do whatever He wants even if no one else is aware of their labor.

Faith means totally trusting God, relying on Him to do what is best. Without this faith and total surrender, it is IMPOSSIBLE to please God.