

“If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God...” (1 Peter 4:11).

MULTI-POINT FAITH INSPECTION

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The Bible says, “*Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?*” (2 Cor. 13:5). This we do.

1) **DO WE HAVE ANY?** Jesus asked His disciples, “...*how is it that ye have no faith?*” (Mk. 4:40). Would the Lord ask us, “*Where is your faith?*” (Lk. 8:25). Paul said, “...*all men have not faith*” (2 Th. 3:2). Do we?

2) **IS IT LITTLE?** Jesus often mentioned “*little faith*” (Mt. 6:30; 8:26; 14:31; 16:8).

3) **IS IT GREAT?** Jesus said of a centurion, “...*I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel*” (Mt. 8:10).

4) **IS IT SEEN?** Matthew 9:2 records, “*And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said....*”

5) **IS IT INCREASING?** The apostles said unto the Lord, “*Increase our faith*” (Lk. 17:5). Paul wrote the Corinthians, “...*when your faith is increased...*” (2 Cor. 10:15).

6) **IS IT FAILING?** The Lord told Simon, “...*I have prayed for*

thee, that thy faith fail not...” (Lk. 22:32).

7) **ARE WE FULL OF IT?** Stephen is described as “...*a man full of faith...*” (Acts 6:5, 8). It is said of Barnabas, “...*full of the Holy Ghost and of faith...*” (Acts 11:24).

8) **IS IT SPOKEN OF?** Paul thanked God for the Romans, “...*that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world*” (Rom. 1:8). What is being said about it?

9) **IS IT A COMFORT?** Paul said, “...*that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me*” (Rom. 1:12). Paul told the Thessalonians, “...*we were comforted over you in all our affliction and distress by your faith*” (1 Th. 3:7).

10) **IS IT WEAK?** Romans 4:19 says, “*And being not weak in faith...*” Romans 14:1 discusses “*Him that is weak in the faith...*”

11) **IS IT STRONG?** Abraham was said to be “...*strong in faith...*” (Rom. 4:20). Are we?

12) **IS IT ABOUNDING?** Paul could say to the Corinthians, “...*as ye abound in every thing, in*

faith...” (2 Cor. 8:7). To abound is to exist in large quantity!

13) **IS IT WORKING.** Galatians 5:6 says, “...*faith which worketh by love.*” The Thessalonians were remembered for their “...*work of faith...*” (1 Th. 1:3). James 2:14-26 shows that “...*faith without works is dead....*”

14) **IS IT HEARD OF?** Paul wrote, “...*I heard of your faith...*” (Eph. 1:15), “...*we heard of your faith...*” (Col. 1:4), and “...*Hearing of thy love and faith...*” (Philem. 5).

15) **IS IT SACRIFICING AND SERVING?** Paul penned, “*Yea, and if I be offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy...*” (Phil. 2:17).

16) **IS IT STEDFAST?** In the Colossian letter Paul said, “...*beholding your order, and the stedfastness of your faith in Christ*” (Col. 2:5).

17) **IS IT SPREAD ABROAD?** Paul told the Thessalonians, “...*your faith to God-ward is spread abroad...*” (1 Th. 1:8).

18) **HOW IS IT KNOWN?** Paul said, “...*I sent to know your faith...*” (1 Th. 3:5). Paul told Timothy, “...*thou hast fully*

known my...faith...” (2 Tim. 3:10). The Lord said to the church in Thyatira, “*I know thy...faith...*” (Rev. 2:19).

19) **DOES IT BRING GOOD TIDINGS?** Paul said Timothy “...*brought us good tidings of your faith...*” (1 Th. 3:6).

20) **IS IT LACKING?** Paul wrote, “*Night and day praying exceedingly that we might see your face, and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith*” (1 Th. 3:10).

21) **IS IT GROWING EXCEEDINGLY?** Paul expressed thanksgiving for the Thessalonians, “...*because that your faith groweth exceedingly...*” (2 Th. 1:3).

22) **IS IT UNFEIGNED?** Paul wrote of “...*faith unfeigned*” (1 Tim. 1:5). That is real. He spoke of “...*the unfeigned faith that is in thee...*” in his writing to Timothy (2 Tim. 1:5).

23) **ARE WE HOLDING IT OR IS IT BEING MADE SHIPWRECK?** 1 Timothy 1:19 says, “*Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having*

put away concerning faith have made shipwreck.”

24) **IS IT CONTINUING?** 1 Timothy 2:15 says of woman, “...*she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith...*”

25) **IS IT AN EXAMPLE?** “*Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers...in faith...*” (1 Tim. 4:12).

26) **HAS IT BEEN CAST OFF?** Paul said of younger widows, “*Having damnation, because they have cast off their first faith*” (1 Tim. 5:12).

27) **IS IT BEING OVERTHROWN?** Through false teaching concerning the resurrection, Hymenaeus and Philetus were said to “...*overthrow the faith of some*” (2 Tim. 2:18).

28) **IS IT SOUND?** Titus was taught to teach, “*That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith...*” (Titus 2:2).

29) **IS IT DRAWING NEAR?** Hebrews 10:22 exhorts, “*Let us*

draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith...”

30) **IS IT HOLDING FAST?** Again it is written, “*Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering...*” (Heb. 10:23).

31) **IS IT BEING TRIED?** James said, “*Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience*” (Jas. 1:3). Peter discussed “...*the trial of your faith...*” (1 Pet. 1:7).

32) **IS IT RICH?** James 2:5 says, “*Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith...*”

33) **IS IT BEING ADDED TO?** We are to remember, “*And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith...*” (2 Pet. 1:5).

34) **IS IT BEING BUILT UP?** Jude 20 teaches, “*But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith...*”

“*So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God*” (Rom. 10:17).

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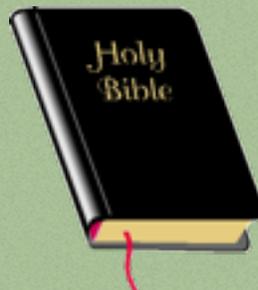
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