

Bulletin Article on Faith and Example

We are all examples to not only our children, but to all and especially to those outside the Body of Christ. I ask the question then concerning our being an example. What brings forth desiring to be an example? Friends, it has to be our foundation of faith. Our strong belief in the God the Father is built upon our foundation of faith. Hebrews 11:1, “**Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.**” Another question is how do we maintain that foundation of faith or better yet how do we build it?

In order to determine what we must do; we must first look to the Word of God. We must be willing to listen to what the bible says. Romans 10:14, “**How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?**” Then again in Verse 17 of the same chapter, “**So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.**” It is clear then that faith comes after, or is a result of us listening to the Word of God. Instead of wandering off into space during a lesson or sermon, we must come to the understanding that our utmost attention must be given to the Word. It is easy to let our mind run rampant as we try to listen and pay attention, but it takes personal discipline on our behalf to stay actively involved in the lesson.

Faith is very important to us and to God: II Corinthians 5:7, “**For we walk by faith, not by sight.**” The Hebrew writer also wrote concerning our faith in Hebrews 11:6, “**But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.**” We learn from these passages that our foundation of faith is of the utmost importance as we seek to be the examples to others in our lives.

As we go throughout our daily walk of life let us always remember the sacrifice of Jesus, the love of the Father and the faith in Him which gives us hope of eternity in heaven. “Sorrow looks back. Worry looks around. Faith looks up.”

In Christ,
Joe Rhodes