

## The Facts of Spiritual Life Part 9

**We must keep our eyes on Jesus, who leads us and makes our faith complete.** *Hebrews 12:2a (CEV)*

**Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has become a child of God.** And everyone who loves the Father loves his children, too. We know we love God's children if we love God and obey his commandments. **Loving God means keeping his commandments, and his commandments are not burdensome. For every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our faith. And who can win this battle against the world? Only those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God.** *1 John 5:1-5 (NLT)*

Now faith is the **substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.** For by it the elders obtained a good testimony. **By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God,** so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible. *Hebrews 11:1-3 (NKJV)*

Faith is **the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen;** it gives us **assurance** about things we cannot see. *Hebrews 11:1 (NLT)*

The fundamental fact of existence is that this trust in God, this faith, is the firm foundation under everything that **makes life worth living.** It's our handle on what we can't see. *Hebrews 11:1-2a (MSG)*

Faith is being **fully persuaded that God is in control** of the **outcome of my future and a stubborn determination to see His will happen in my life, regardless of what I am going through today.**

**And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.** *Hebrews 11:6 (NLT)*

All who follow the leading of God's Spirit are God's own sons. Nor are you meant to relapse into the old slavish attitude of fear—you **have been adopted into the very family circle of God and you can say with a full heart, "Father, my Father".** The Spirit himself endorses our inward conviction that **we really are the children of God. Think what that means. If we are his children we share his treasures, and all that Christ claims as his will belong to all of us as well!** Yes, if we share in his suffering we shall certainly share in his glory. *Romans 8:14-17 (J.B. Phillips)*

Can all your worries add a single moment to your life? And if worry can't accomplish a little thing like that, what's the use of worrying over bigger things? "Look at the lilies and how they grow. They don't work or make their clothing, yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. And **if God cares so wonderfully for flowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith?** "And don't be concerned about what to eat and what to drink. Don't worry about such things. These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers all over the world, but **your Father already knows your needs.** Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and he will give you everything you need. **"So don't be afraid, little flock. For it gives your Father great happiness to give you the Kingdom.** "Sell your possessions and give to those in need. This will store up treasure for you in heaven! And the purses of heaven never get old or develop holes. Your treasure will be safe; no thief can steal it and no moth can destroy it. Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be. *Luke 12:25-34 (NLT)*

Apart from me you can do nothing. *John 15:5b (NLT)*

I've banked your promises in the vault of my heart... *Psalms 119:11a (MSG)*

Let's keep a firm grip on the promises that keep us going. He always keeps His Word. *Hebrews 10:23 (MSG)*