

Christians of Good Report

Scripture: Hebrews 11:1-2, 6

Intro: There are numerous traits describing the character of men of faith. May we ask how our personalities measure as compared to theirs? I wonder what the record will say of me, or of you!

Powerful Faith

1. Great faith in Israel. (Matt. 8:10)
2. Perfect faith in Canaan (James 2:22; Rom. 4:20-21)
3. Pleasing faith in saints. (Heb. 11:6) When faith is absent nothing meets with the approval of God. (Rom. 8:8) faith vs. flesh

Confess = agree vocally (Rom. 10:13; Matt. 10:32-33)

Profess = agree locally (I Pet. 2:21; Acts 2:25)

I. Enoch: Walked (Gen. 5:21-24) (WALK)

A. What God said about him. (Jn. 6:66) CONSENT

1. He was a preacher (Jd. 14-15)
2. He was translated (Heb. 11:4)
3. He was a family man (Gen. 5:21-24)

B. What God said he did. (Gen 5:22,24;6:9) ADDICTION

1. Walked with God (Amos 3:3; I Jn. 2:6; Col. 2:6)
 - a) activity = busied with God's work (Heb. 11:5-6)
 - b) affection = busied with God's will (with)

2. Worshipped his God (Jn 4:23-24)

(A Heavenly man living on earth with a Heavenly attitude. Affections are elevated above by the exercise of faith. Lives on earth are regulated by Heavenly principles. (Col. 3:1-2)

II. David: Heart (I Sam. 13:14; Acts 13:22) (WILL)

A. David's preoccupation with the heart. (Pr. 4:23; Ps. 66:18)

1. Communion (Ps. 4:4; 39:3; 40:8)
2. Contemplation (Ps. 45:1; 131:1)
3. Contrition (Ps. 51:10,17; 139:23-24)

B. David's occupation with God's heart (I Sam. 13:14)

1. Meditation: sought to know what God felt (Acts 13:22)
2. Mannerisms: sought to do what God wanted (Ps. 42:1-2)
 - a) Hot heart: on fire for God (Ps. 39:3; Jer. 20:8-9; Lk. 24:32)
 - b) Holy heart: in faith to God (Ps. 138:2)

III. Abraham: Friend (II Chron. 20:7; James 2:23) (WORD)

- A. Friendship involvements. (Jn. 15:14; Gen. 18:19)
 - 1. Oblation: sacrifice (James 2:21)
 - 2. Obesance: service (James 2:20)
 - 3. Obedience: surrender (James 2:23; Isa. 41:8)
- B. Friends involved. (Pr. 17:17) "A friend loveth at all times."
 - 1. Wrong way: used (Jdgs. 14:20; James 4:4)
 - 2. Right way (Pr. 18:24)
 - a) Enoch: feet (Gen. 5:22; I Pet. 2:21) activity
 - b) David: heart (Phil 4:7) aptitude
 - c) Abraham: mind (Isa. 26:2-4) attitude