

CHAMPIONS OF FAITH SERIES

“Powerful Principles to Fortify Your Faith”

Part One

Hebrews 11:8–13

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Happy Father's Day!

Charles Haddon Spurgeon said, “Little faith will bring your soul to heaven, but great faith will bring heaven to your soul.”

If you please God, it doesn't matter whom you displease, and if you displease God, it doesn't matter whom you please.

Faith is the mark of a Christian. Christians were called believers before they were called Christians. It is our chief duty to believe God.

John 6:29, “Jesus replied, ‘This is the work of God—that you believe in the One He has sent.’”

John 3:18, “Anyone who believes in Him is not condemned, but anyone who does not believe is already condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the One and Only Son of God.”

I. The V Principle. We Must H God.

Romans 10:17 “Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.”

Turn to **Genesis 11 and 12**.

1 John 5:14, “Now this is the confidence we have before Him: Whenever we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.”

How Can We Know God's Will Concerning Parenting?

Proverbs 22:6 (KJV) “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”

A. N Children

Ephesians 6:4, “Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.”

B. P Modeling

In **Deuteronomy 6:4-9**, we see four principles essential in passing on spiritual faith to children:

1. B in God: “Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one.” (6:4)

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts.” (6:5-6)

2. F Instruction: “Impress them on your children.” (6:7)

John 8:32, “Jesus said, ‘you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.’”

3. I Instruction: “Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up” (6:7).

4. C of the environment: “Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on you gates” (6:8-9)

Hebrews 1:1-2, “Long ago God spoke to the fathers by the prophets at different times and in different ways. In these last days, He has spoken to us by his Son. God has appointed Him heir of all things and made the universe through Him.”

How does God speak to us? The Bible teaches that we have three things.

- We have the written Word of God.
- We have the mind of Christ.
- We have the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 2:14-16 (NIV), “The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned. The spiritual man makes judgments about all things, but he himself is not subject to any man's judgment: “For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.”

My Next Steps:

- Memorize Hebrews 1:1-2.
- Study and meditate on Deut. 6:4-9.
- Obey the part of God's will I do know and prayerfully seek the rest.
- As a parent, I will teach my children and model for them what it means to follow Christ.