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# ENEMIES TO OUR FAITH

Fight The Good Fight of Faith



# FAITH IS THE MAIN KEY



MATTHEW 16:18-19 (NIV2011)

AND I TELL YOU THAT YOU ARE PETER, AND ON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH,  
AND THE GATES OF HADES WILL NOT OVERCOME IT.

19 I WILL GIVE YOU THE KEYS OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN; WHATEVER YOU BIND ON  
EARTH WILL BE BOUND IN HEAVEN, AND WHATEVER YOU LOOSE ON EARTH WILL BE  
LOOSED IN HEAVEN.”

1 TIMOTHY 6:12  
FIGHT THE GOOD  
FIGHT OF THE FAITH.

TO CONTEND IN BATTLE OR  
PHYSICAL COMBAT  
ESPECIALLY : TO STRIVE TO  
OVERCOME A PERSON BY  
BLOWS OR WEAPONS





# ENEMIES OF OUR FAITH

GUILT, CONDEMNATION, AND FEELINGS OF UNWORTHINESS ARE ALSO MAJOR ENEMIES OF OUR FAITH. THE DEVIL WILL ALWAYS COME TO ACCUSE YOU AND REMIND YOU OF ALL THE WRONG THINGS YOU HAVE DONE. HE IS, AFTER ALL THE ACCUSER OF THE BRETHREN.

REVELATION 12:10 10AND I HEARD A LOUD VOICE SAYING IN HEAVEN, NOW IS COME SALVATION, AND STRENGTH, AND THE KINGDOM OF OUR GOD, AND THE POWER OF HIS CHRIST: FOR THE (DEVIL) THE ACCUSER OF OUR BRETHREN IS CAST DOWN, WHICH ACCUSED THEM BEFORE OUR GOD DAY AND NIGHT.



**KEEPING**  
**THE** *Faith*

**KEEPING THE FAITH** – IS A FIGHT  
KEEPING THE FAITH IS A FIGHT!  
IN 1 TIMOTHY 6:12 PAUL TELLS US  
TO “FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT OF  
FAITH...” NOTICE PAUL CALLS  
FAITH A “FIGHT”. IF THERE IS A  
FIGHT TO BE FOUGHT THERE HAS  
TO BE AN ENEMY. IN FACT, THERE  
ARE SEVERAL ENEMIES THAT TRY  
TO DISCOURAGE YOU FROM  
KEEPING THE FAITH.

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Enemies of Faith

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## 1. LACK OF KNOWLEDGE.

HOSEA 4:6 SAYS, “MY PEOPLE ARE DESTROYED FOR A LACK OF KNOWLEDGE”. THIS IS TALKING ABOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD’S WORD. YOU CAN ONLY HAVE FAITH FOR WHAT YOU KNOW THE WORD OF GOD SAYS. IGNORANCE, MISINFORMATION, AND WRONG TEACHING ABOUT GOD’S WORD DESTROYS FAITH. “FAITH COME BY HEARING AND HEARING THE WORD OF GOD.” (ROMANS 10:17) LACK OF KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT GOD’S WORD SAYS, HIS PROMISES, AND WHAT IT PROVIDES IS ONE OF THE ENEMIES OF FAITH.

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# Hope.

BIBLE HOPE IS A DESIRE BASED ON A PROMISE FROM GOD. THIS PROMISE COMMUNICATES THE POSSIBILITY OF GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU AND ENCOURAGES US TO CONTINUE ON. IF YOU WILL PLANT THIS SEED INTO THE SOIL OF THE HEART, AND IF THE SOIL IS KEPT RIGHT, IT WILL BRING FORTH A HARVEST OF FAITH. BIBLE HOPE IS FAITH IN SEED FORM.

2. **LACK OF HOPE.** “FAITH IS THE SUBSTANCE OF THINGS HOPE FOR...” (HEBREWS 11:1) IF YOU LOSE HOPE, FAITH IS LOST. HOPE IS THE FRAMEWORK FOR FAITH TO BUILD ON. FAITH BEGINS WITH HOPE. LACK OF HOPE IS ONE OF THE ENEMIES OF FAITH.





HEBREWS 11:1 (NKJV)

NOW FAITH IS THE SUBSTANCE OF THINGS HOPED  
FOR, THE EVIDENCE OF THINGS NOT SEEN.



**3. LACK OF FOCUS.** HEBREWS 12:2 IN THE AMPLIFIED BIBLE SAYS, “LOOKING AWAY FROM ALL THAT WILL DISTRACT US AND FOCUSING OUR EYES ON JESUS, WHO IS THE AUTHOR AND PERFECTER OF FAITH...” OUR FAITH IS COMPLETED WHEN WE KEEP OUR FOCUS ON JESUS.

IF WE GET DISTRACT BY THE CIRCUMSTANCES, AND PEOPLE AND GET FOCUSED ON ALL THE THINGS AROUND US INSTEAD OF THE PROMISE OF GOD’S WORD AND MORE IMPORTANTLY THE PROMISE MAKER HIMSELF, OUR FAITH IS SABOTAGED.

ROMANS 4 TELLS US ABRAHAM’S FAITH SUCCEEDED BECAUSE “HE DID NOT CONSIDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES”. HE DID NOT GET HIS FOCUS ON THE FACT THAT HE AND SARAH WERE TOO OLD TO HAVE CHILDREN, INSTEAD HE KEPT HIS FOCUS ON GOD’S PROMISE AND ON GOD WHO WAS ABLE TO DO WHAT HE PROMISED HE WOULD DO. LACK OF FOCUS ON JESUS THE PERFECTER OF OUR FAITH IS ONE OF THE ENEMIES OF FAITH.

ISAIAH 26:3 (NKJV)

YOU WILL KEEP HIM IN PERFECT PEACE, WHOSE  
MIND IS STAYED ON YOU, BECAUSE HE TRUSTS IN  
YOU.



WHAT ARE SOME THINGS  
THAT TAKES YOUR FOCUS  
OFF JESUS?



*Let's Talk*  
*about it*

WHAT TAKES YOUR FOCUS OFF JESUS?

4. **LACK OF PATIENCE.** HEBREWS 6:12 TELLS US IT IS, “THROUGH FAITH AND PATIENCE WE INHERIT THE PROMISES.”

- PATIENCE IS A KEY INGREDIENT OF FAITH. IF YOU ELIMINATE PATIENCE FAITH CAN NOT COMPLETE IT’S ASSIGNMENT.

- PATIENCE KNOWS THAT GOD’S WORD HAS NEVER FAILED.

PATIENCE KNOWS GOD WATCHES OVER HIS WORD TO PERFORM IT.



FAITH NOT ONLY BELIEVES THAT GOD EXISTS, BUT THAT GOD REWARDS THOSE WHO **DILIGENTLY SEEK HIM**. (HEBREWS 11:6)

PAUL WROTE IN ROMANS 8:25 THAT “IF WE HOPE FOR WHAT WE DO NOT SEE, WE WAIT FOR IT WITH PATIENCE,”. IF WE GET IMPATIENT AND DO NOT WAIT FOR GOD’S PERFECT TIMING WE END UP ABORTING OUR FAITH. “LET US NOT BECOME WEARY IN DOING GOOD, FOR AT THE PROPER TIME WE WILL REAP A HARVEST IF WE DO NOT GIVE UP.” (GALATIANS 6:9)

**LACK OF PATIENCE IS ONE OF THE ENEMIES OF FAITH.**



ISAIAH 40:31 (NKJV)  
BUT THOSE WHO WAIT  
ON THE LORD SHALL  
RENEW THEIR STRENGTH;  
THEY SHALL MOUNT UP  
WITH WINGS LIKE EAGLES,  
THEY SHALL RUN AND  
NOT BE WEARY, THEY  
SHALL WALK AND NOT  
FAINT.

BELIEVE

The word "BELIEVE" is rendered in a highly decorative, calligraphic serif font. Each letter is a different color, following a rainbow spectrum: 'B' is red, 'E' is orange, 'L' is yellow, 'I' is green, 'E' is cyan, and 'V' is blue. The word is surrounded by intricate, colorful flourishes that match the colors of the letters. The background is a dark, starry space with small, glowing particles in various colors.

## WHAT IS IT TO BE·LIEVE (BĬ-LĒV')

1. **TO ACCEPT AS TRUE OR REAL:** DO YOU BELIEVE IN THE WORD OF GOD?
2. **TO CREDIT WITH VERACITY:** I BELIEVE YOU LORD.
3. **TO EXPECT OR SUPPOSE;** I BELIEVE GOD WILL DO WHAT HE HAS PROMISED.
4. TO HAVE FIRM FAITH, ESPECIALLY RELIGIOUS FAITH.
5. **TO HAVE FAITH, CONFIDENCE, OR TRUST:** I BELIEVE IN YOUR ABILITY LORD TO SOLVE MY PROBLEM.
6. TO HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THE TRUTH (THE WORD)

ROMANS 10:9-11 (NKJV)

THAT IF YOU CONFESS WITH YOUR MOUTH THE LORD JESUS AND BELIEVE IN YOUR HEART THAT GOD HAS RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD, YOU WILL BE SAVED.

10 FOR WITH THE HEART ONE BELIEVES UNTO RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND WITH THE MOUTH CONFSSION IS MADE UNTO SALVATION.

11 FOR THE SCRIPTURE SAYS, "WHOEVER BELIEVES ON HIM WILL NOT BE PUT TO SHAME."

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**5. LACK OF BELIEF.** THIS CAN COME IN THE FORM OF UNBELIEF, DISBELIEF, OR DOUBT. UNBELIEF IS AN ABSENCE OF FAITH, BUT DOESN'T DENY THE TRUTH. **DISBELIEF SIMPLY DENIES THE TRUTH.** FOR EXAMPLE: I CAN SAY, "YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN TO GO TO HEAVEN" AND READ THE VERSES FROM THE GOSPEL OF JOHN CHAPTER 3 THAT TEACH THIS TRUTH. YOU CAN SAY, "I DON'T BELIEVE THAT." THAT IS DISBELIEF. OR YOU COULD SAY, "I KNOW I SHOULD AND NEED TO, BUT I'M NOT READY OR THAT'S JUST NOT FOR ME." THAT IS UNBELIEF.

DOUBT ON THE OTHER HAND DOESN'T DENY THE TRUTH OF GOD'S WORD AND IT DOESN'T TURN IT'S BACK ON THE TRUTH. IT IS WILLING TO BELIEVE, BUT HAS A HESITANCE TO BELIEVE. JAMES 1:6 TELLS US TO, "ASK IN FAITH, WITH NO DOUBTING, FOR THE ONE WHO DOUBTS IS LIKE A WAVE OF THE SEA THAT IS DRIVEN AND TOSSED BY THE WIND." DOUBT WAVERS AT THE PROMISES OF GOD. ONE MINUTE YOU BELIEVE AND THE NEXT YOU DON'T. REGARDLESS ALL THREE CAUSE A LACK OF BELIEF AND THAT IS ONE OF THE ENEMIES OF FAITH.



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**6. FEAR. FEAR IS THE OPPOSITE OF FAITH.** FEAR IS A SPIRIT THAT WILL TRY TO INTIMIDATE YOU AND STOP YOU FROM BELIEVING GOD. FAITH ACTIVATES GOD WHILE FEAR ACTIVATES THE DEVIL. SATAN WANTS TO STEAL, KILL, AND DESTROY YOUR LIFE. (JOHN 10:10) IF YOU ALLOW HIM HE WILL USE FEAR: FALSE EVIDENCE APPEARING REAL TO STEAL YOUR FAITH. THE ENEMY TRIES TO BOMBARD OUR MINDS WITH NEGATIVE THOUGHTS AND IMAGINATIONS THAT IF NOT DEALT WITH DEVELOP INTO FEAR.

DON'T ALLOW THE ENEMY TO USE FALSE EVIDENCES TO DECEIVE AND STOP YOU FROM BELIEVING GOD. TAKE CAPTIVE THOSE VAIN IMAGINATIONS AND NEGATIVE THOUGHTS. (2CORINTHIANS 10:10:5) 2TIMOTHY 1:7 TELLS US, "FOR GOD HAS NOT GIVEN US A SPIRIT OF FEAR, BUT OF POWER AND OF LOVE AND OF A SOUND MIND" IF FEAR KNOCKS AT YOUR DOOR ANSWER WITH FAITH AND NO ONE WILL BE THERE. FEAR IS ONE OF THE ENEMIES OF FAITH.



2 TIMOTHY 1:7 (NKJV)

FOR GOD HAS NOT GIVEN US A SPIRIT OF FEAR, BUT OF  
POWER AND OF LOVE AND OF A SOUND MIND.

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★ WE LOVE  
★ YOU  
★ TO THE  
★ MOON AND BACK

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