

Faith

“Faith is being sure of what you hope for and certain of what we do not see!”

Hebrews 11:1.

Let’s take a look at FAITH. I submit that it is both a noun and a verb. A noun is defined as a “person, place or thing” and a verb describes “action”. So, faith as a noun is found in the heart of a person and as a verb in how they act in everyday life to show their faith. It comes down to the old saying by author C.S. Lewis, “Integrity is doing the right thing even when no one is watching.”

Children watch every move their parent makes. They learn from what you say, how you say it and your actions to back up what you have said. When the phone rings, your husband answers it, and you silently mouth, “Tell her I’m not here,” don’t be surprised when your daughter lies to you in order to get herself out of an awkward jam with her grades or her boyfriend.

I’ve heard it a thousand times. A child takes an unwise detour in high school or college, and the parents come to me saying, “We don’t understand. We raised him in the church.” My response is that you will have to answer to God for your parenting especially if you turned your parenting responsibility over to someone else or to the church. The church is here to help and support the parent in “Raising the children in the ways of the Lord, so that when they grow old, they will not depart from it.” Proverbs 22:6.

Faith can have a foundation like a house, but this house takes a lifetime to build. It is only as strong a structure as the materials and workmanship we put into it. Daily we work to build the strongest house just like we should study the Word of God and build our faith in Christ.

Questions:

1. Is faith something you can touch?
2. How does faith grow?
3. Can you fake faith?

Next Steps: Read your Bible every night for one week and at the end of the week, see if you feel closer to God.