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# GWC– Chapter 6

## The Winning Quality

*Hebrews 11:6- “And without faith it is impossible to please God, Because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.”*

What is a quality that you need to please God? \_\_\_\_\_.

Faith is so important because it is believing what you cannot see.

Read **Hebrews 11:1**

When you became a believer in Christ, you asked him to enter into your heart and become the leader of your life. You did this by faith, you can't see God, but you know He is. It is this same kind of faith that God desires for you to have as you walk with Him in all areas of your life.

In **I Peter 1:9**, what does Peter say is the goal of our faith? \_\_\_\_\_.

The final result of winning the race of life will be the salvation of our souls. The end of the race is at the end of your life, so whether you live twenty or seventy more years you still are running the race.

Paul said, “I have fought a good fight, and I have finished the race now there is the prize that is waiting for me in heaven” (**I Timothy 4:7**).

*Faith* is the winning quality. Not how “bad” you are, or how much money you have, or how popular you are, but how your faith in God stood up and survived as you journeyed through this life.

Your faith in God will carry you through all the struggles and trials that you will go through during the course of your life. It will be there when everyone else is gone. At times there will be only you and your faith in Christ. As it was said in an earlier lesson, Christ is a friend that will stick closer to you than a brother. Even family and friends will back out if the “heat gets turned on too high.” Those are the ones you thought for sure would not do you wrong and would always watch your back. But God is there regardless of the circumstances you may be in.

Can you think of any times when there was just you and God alone? When no one else understood the situation, but your faith in the Lord gave you strength to believe and keep going?

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## The Measure of Faith

You have a measure of faith that begins to grow the moment you give your life to Christ.  
Read **Romans 12:3**

You cannot say that you don't have any faith, God gives us all a bit of faith. You may stand by the belief that one person has more faith than someone else, or that your friend or family member can believe God to do some great thing, and you wonder "Why can't I do that?"

*For example...*

God is an ocean full of faith and the amount we get from Him depends on what kind of a cup we have to draw from it. If we have a teaspoon, we can get a teaspoon of water from this ocean. If we have a cup, we can get a cup full of water from this ocean. If we have a swimming pool we could fill that swimming pool up with the water from the ocean. The amount of water we get from God's "ocean" depends on how big a vessel we have to take from it, or how big our "cup" is.

Our belief in God is our "cup". If we believe God can do great things for us, then He will do great things. If we believe our God is a small God, we won't trust Him for much and, therefore won't receive much from Him.

Is there anything in your life right now that you need to trust God for? Whether your need is for a job, a good grade on a test, wisdom on how to handle a situation with a friend or family member, or whatever else you need, God can be trusted to help you in your situation.

## Looking for Something that Can't be Seen?

In **II Corinthians 4:18**, what is Paul telling us to fix our eyes on?

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Paul is telling us to look to those things which are not seen. Remember the scripture reference to Hebrews at the beginning of this lesson? That was also in reference to faith being the evidence of things not seen (**Hebrews 11:1**).

In **II Corinthians 4:18**, What does Paul say about...

...Those things which *can be seen*? They are \_\_\_\_\_.

...Those things which *cannot be seen* are \_\_\_\_\_.

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In everyday life we tend to just operate by that which we can see, and if we can't see it, well, we just don't worry about it.

The fact is, however, that the disciple of Christ is to always keep in mind that what really matters in life, and the things we should focus on, are those things which are not seen.

How do we do this?

Read **I Corinthians 5:7**,

“We live by \_\_\_\_\_ not by \_\_\_\_\_.”

The way we live our lives is related to the way God sees things, and not the way that our fellow man sees things. The “God way” and the “man way” are opposite of each other.

For example:

The “**man way**” says that, “It is OK to tell just a ‘little white lie’, after all it won't hurt anybody.”

However the “**God way**” says that all lying is a thing that God hates (Proverbs 6:17).

Our faith is in the one who makes the rules, not the one who interprets the rules.

God made the rules. Man came along and tried to interpret them and change them so they would work around his lifestyle and desires.

- Review:
- Who made the rules? \_\_\_\_\_.
- Who interprets the rules? \_\_\_\_\_.

## In Summary:

What is the winning quality that God desires for us to have? \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus talked about the faith the size of a mustard seed in **Matthew 17:20**. The seed is itself very small, smaller than most seeds, and looks dry and dead. When it is buried in the soil and it starts to disintegrate and water germinates it, it comes out of the ground moving rocks and whatever is in its way to grow out into the air into a “tree” of approximately 10+ feet in height.

Jesus is trying to tell us that our faith, no matter how small it is, when mixed with God's power, can do the impossible.

If we are trying to live like a disciple of Christ, and are trying to accomplish goals by our own power, we are living _____ (cconuteednn) from our power source, which is _____. (Imithgya OGD).
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## Weekly Check-Lesson 6

This week we will compare the world's point of view with what God has to say...

Monday

*"It's OK to cuss, I'm not hurting anybody"*

What does God say?

**Ephesians 4:29;**

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Tuesday

*"He/she has a fine shape, it's all right if I look, as long as I don't touch."*

What does God say?

**Matthew 5:27-28**

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Wednesday

*"It's just a piece of candy, what's wrong if I take it, no one will miss it"*

What does God say?

**Ephesians 4:28**

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Thursday

*"Ain't nothing wrong with smoking pot or having a little sex."*

What does God say?

**I Corinthians 6:15-20**

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Friday

*"What you need to do is get revenge on that guy/girl who is messing with you."*

What does God say?

**Romans 12:17-21**

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As a disciple, we don't walk according to what this world's ideas are, but we walk according to what God says in His Word.