

Forward By Faith—Which Direction

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I. Introduction.

- A. God cannot ignore genuine true faith.
- B. Many people walk in the wrong direction because they do not walk in faith.
- C. God is waiting on us to get our lives into motion.
- D. One of the problems is faith—one thinks he believes in God, but he really does not.
- E. Faith is a gift.
- F. Faith is neither secular nor spiritual—everyone has faith.
- G. The only distinction is the object of faith.

II. The nature of faith.

- A. Faith is a disposition of the mind that moves someone forward in life.
- B. It is a positive expression of the mind towards an object.
- C. Hope and faith are not the same.
- D. Faith involves....
 - 1. Assurance.
 - 2. Anticipation.
 - 3. Awareness of God's work. (II Kings 6)
 - 4. Access to God and His blessings.
 - 5. Authority. (Hebrews 11)
 - 6. Action, which is the decisive test of faith.
 - 7. Approval. (Hebrews 11:2, 38-:39)

III. The ultimate reason that God will honor our faith is because others will put their trust in God. (Psalm 40)

Application questions:

1. Which aspect of faith stands out to you the most? What strikes you?

2. Why must works accompany faith according to the speaker?

3. How can you commit to growing in your faith this week in a way that is both practical and provable? Explain.
