

Characteristics of Genuine Faith.

The capacity for faith is created in us. ~John MacArthur, Hebrews page 289

- Hebrews 10:22, Hebrews 10:28

1. The NATURE of Faith.

A. It is the SUBSTANCE of things hoped for.

- Hebrews 1:3, Hebrews 3:14

Faith doesn't say, "I think." Faith says, "I know." ~adapted from William Barclay Letter to the Hebrews, page 145

B. It is the EVIDENCE of things not seen.

Now faith celebrates the objective reality [of the blessings] for which we hope, the demonstration of events as yet unseen. ~Dennis Johnson, ESV Expository Commentary page 162

Now faith is a solid sureness, a substantial certitude of what we hope for (author's interpretive paraphrase [of Hebrews 11:1]). ~R. Kent Hughes, Hebrews, vol. 2 page 61

2. The TESTIMONY of Faith.

A. The elders RECEIVED a good testimony

B. The elders received a good testimony THROUGH faith.

- Hebrews 11:6, 39, 2 Corinthians 5:7, Ephesians 2:8, Romans 12:3, 2 Peter 1:1, Mark 9:24

Faith is not simply one way to please God; it is the only way. ~John MacArthur, Hebrews page 289 emphasis added

God's Word is final. God's Word is understandable. God's Word is necessary. God's Word is enough. ~Kevin DeYoung, Taking God at His Word

3. The UNDERSTANDING of Faith.

A. Faith BELIEVES God's Word about creation.

B. Faith UNDERSTANDS what is not seen.

- Hebrews 10:22, Hebrews 10:28

How does may faith need to change how I live this week? _____.

