

*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. Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)*

## **Earnestly**

**Do you want to please me?** Yes, I want to please you. How can I please you? **You cannot please me with your best self-effort. You cannot please me by your own accomplishments. You cannot please me with self-sacrifices. There is only one way that you please me.** How is that? **You only please me by coming to me. You can only please me by living in an intimate relationship with me. I am your God and Father. You are my child. I made you to live in fellowship with me.** I have no doubt about that. It is the desire of my heart to know you. I want to love you with all my heart and mind and soul and strength. These desires, this hope and dream does not come from me. You placed these desires and hopes and dreams in my heart. **Yes, I did.**

**What will you do because you believe in me? What will you do because you want to come to me? What will you do because you want to live in an intimate relationship with me?** I will seek you with all my heart. **What will that look like?** I will set aside a time and a place to meet with you. I will live my life in a constant dialogue with you. I will listen attentively to you. I will speak earnestly with you. I will set my hope and heart and mind and life on you. I will make meeting with you in your word a daily priority in my life. I will allow you to use your word to mold and shape my life. I will allow your word to help me to know and strengthen me to do your will. **That will be very good.**

**What reward will there be in earnestly seeking me with all your heart?** Knowing and loving you with all my heart will be my reward. Living and walking in your presence will be my reward. Following and obeying you will be my reward. Knowing that I am doing what is pleasing to you will be my reward. Bearing fruit for your kingdom and bringing glory to your name will be my reward. One day when I come to live forever in heaven with you and hear you say, "Well done, good and faithful servant", will be my reward. **Yes, it will.** I'm looking forward to that day. **That is very good.**

*Lord, I do believe in you with all my heart and mind and soul and strength. I will come to you. I will make earnestly seeking you the pursuit of my life. I know without a doubt that as I seek you I will find you. Grow my faith in you as I love, follow and serve you. Amen*

**Faith** *Without Faith*  
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.  
NIV Hebrews 11:6

**Faith** *Without Faith*  
And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.  
EV Hebrews 11:6

**Faith** *Without Faith*  
And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.  
NLT Hebrews 11:6

**Faith** *Without Faith*  
But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.  
NKJV Hebrews 11:6

**Faith** *Without Faith*  
And without faith it is impossible to please God, for whoever would approach him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.  
NRSV Hebrews 11:6

**Faith** *Apart From Faith*  
It's impossible to please God apart from faith. And why? Because anyone who wants to approach God must believe both that he exists and that he cares enough to respond to those who seek him.  
MSG Hebrews 11:6

**Faith** *Without Faith*  
But without faith it is impossible to please and be satisfactory to Him. For whoever would come near to God must [necessarily] believe that God exists and that He is the rewarder of those who earnestly and diligently seek Him [out].  
AMP Hebrews 11:6

**Faith** *Without Faith*  
You can never please God without faith, without depending on him. Anyone who wants to come to God must believe that there is a God and that he rewards those who sincerely look for him.  
TLB Hebrews 11:6

**Faith** *Without Faith*  
And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.  
NASB Hebrews 11:6

**Faith** *Without Faith*  
Without faith no one can please God. Anyone who comes to God must believe that he is real and that he rewards those who truly want to find him.  
NCV Hebrews 11:6

# Without Faith

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Faith** – Hebrews 11:6

**In Context:** *Read Hebrews 11*

**Begin With Prayer:**

***Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.***

**Meditating On God’s Word:** ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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**Considering The Words:** ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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**Praying The Scripture:**

***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord, I do believe in you with all my heart and mind and soul and strength. I will come to you. I will make earnestly seeking you the pursuit of my life. I know without a doubt that as I seek you I will find you. Grow my faith in you as I love, follow and serve you. Amen

**What It Means:**

***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

How are you making it your daily and pursuit to earnestly seek God?

**Why is earnestly seeking God a pursuit that is far more worthy than any other?**

Why can you be absolutely sure that you will find God if you earnestly seek Him?

**When has God given you something to do for Him that required great faith in Him on your part?**

How pleasing is it to God when you go and do something for Him that requires great faith in Him?

**What has God used to continue to grow your faith in Him?**

Why is it impossible to please God without you placing all your faith in Him?

**Living It Out:**

***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Make seeking God the overwhelming pursuit of your life.

**Seeing It Happen:**

***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that God exists and that He will reward you as you earnestly seek Him.

**Get Ready To Share:**

***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how are making seeking God the overwhelming pursuit of your life.

**Close With Prayer:**

***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

*Pause And Offer Prayers Of...*

*With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You*

Adoration... \_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving... \_\_\_\_\_

Confession... \_\_\_\_\_

Intercession... \_\_\_\_\_

Petition... \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal**

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

**What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

*(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)*

*May you make earnestly seeking the Lord the overwhelming pursuit of your life.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

*(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)*

*Lord, I will earnestly seek you with all my heart and mind and soul and strength.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, how can I grow in my faith today as I earnestly seek you with all my heart and mind and soul and strength?*

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