

THINK ON
THESE
THINGS

PHILIPPIANS 4:8

The Substance of
Things Hoped For



THE IMMEDIATE CONTEXT

Heb. 11

- **The Temptation To Go Back**

- **Arguments for the 'Better'**

Heb. 1:1–10:18

- **To Please God: Faith Needed**

Heb. 10:19–25

- **A Warning**

Heb. 10:26–31

- **An Admonition**

Heb. 10:32–39; 11:6



THE IMMEDIATE CONTEXT

Heb. 11

- **The Matter of Faith**

- **What It Is**

Heb. 11:1

- **Its Place in Their Lives**

Heb. 11:2-3, 6

- **Exemplified**

Heb. 11:4-40

- **His Conclusion**

Heb. 12:1-3



WHAT WE CAN KNOW FROM THIS

- **How God Defines 'Faith'**

- **Modern Definition/Usage**

"belief that is not based on proof"

- **Words God Used; Meanings**

ὑπόστασις - "something that has a solid foundation"

ἔλεγχος - "proof; conviction; evidence"



WHAT WE CAN KNOW FROM THIS

- **Faith is the Means of Persevering**
 - **Earlier Admonitions**

Hebrews 10:29, 38; 10:23

- **We Walk by Faith, Not by Sight**

2nd Corinthians 4:16-5:7



WHAT WE CAN KNOW FROM THIS

- Faith Moves Us
 - The Examples: All Acted

Hebrews 11:4-40

- Faith Without Works: Dead

James 2:14-26



WHAT WE CAN KNOW FROM THIS

- Faith Has Always Been Important
 - The Jewish History Cited

Hebrews 11; 10:22, 23
 - A Familiar Truth: The Just Live by Faith

Hebrews 10:38



WHAT THIS SHOULD MEAN TO US

- **Self-Examination: Is My Faith Real?**
 - Does It Meet God's Definition?

Hebrews 11:1

- Is It Based on God's Word?

Romans 10:17; John 20:30, 31



WHAT THIS SHOULD MEAN TO US

- **Self-Examination: Does My Faith Move Me?**
 - **Faith That Does Not Move Does Not Save**

James 2:17, 20, 26

- **Am I DOing?**

Matthew 7:21; Luke 6:46



WHAT THIS SHOULD MEAN TO US

- **Self-Examination: Will My Faith Uphold Me?**
 - **Am I Looking to Jesus?**

Hebrews 12:1-3; Colossians 3:1

- **Is My Faith Strong?**

Hebrews 10:35, 36; Matthew 14:25-31; Proverbs 24:10



WHAT THIS SHOULD MEAN TO US

- **Self-Examination: Can I Defend My Faith?**
 - **I Must!**

1st Peter 3:15 (NASB)

- **And Happy To Do So!**

Acts 26:2; Psalm 119:46; 71:15; Jeremiah 20:9

