

What Does It Mean to Lead a Life of Faith? (2)

II. What Does it Mean to Live a Life of Faith?

A. Starting point: the _____ of faith (*Matt 10:32-33*).

1. The Christian's faith is a faith that is continually confessed (*2 Cor 9:13*).
2. God's own Son is our perfect model of this confessing commitment (*1 Pet 2:23; 4:19*).

B. Leads to _____ by faith (*Gal 2:20*).

1. Living by faith involves total reliance on God (*Psa 40:4; Prov 3:5-6,26*).
2. "Sufficiency" for life is defined by God's provision (*2 Cor 3:4-5; Matt 6:25-34; Phil 1:21*).
3. The life of faith can't be lived without obedience (*Acts 6:7; Heb 11:6; John 3:16,36*).

C. Leads to _____ from faith (*Rom 15:13*).

1. True joy and peace don't come from the absence of conflict in this life.
2. True joy and peace come from the ability to cope in conflict with faith in God.

D. Calls for the _____ of faith (*Rev 2:10*).

1. What good is faith at one point in my life if it is not brought to completion (*Heb 6:11-12*)?
2. How I handle my faith during my time on this earth is absolutely crucial:
 - a. Faith, by its very nature, is intended by God to **increase** (*Luke 17:5*).
 - b. Faith will be **tested** (*James 1:2-3*).
 - c. To that end, God has already told us what to **supplement** our faith with (*2 Pet 1:5-8*).
 - d. Faith must be **held fast** (*1 Cor 15:1-2*).
 - e. Faith—supplemented, firmly gripped, focused—is **forward-looking** (*Heb 3:6,14*).