

II Corinthians 5:9

“Therefore also
we have as our ambition,
whether at home
or absent,
to be pleasing to Him.”

Practically
speaking...

“How do we live
a life that is
‘pleasing to Him’?”

Living To Please God

By walking by faith!

“Walking by faith”

is living your life

in the light of what you
understand that God has
said in His Word!

HEBREWS 11:32-40

And what more shall I say?
For time will fail me if I tell of
Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah,
of David and Samuel
and the prophets,
who by faith conquered kingdoms,
performed *acts of righteousness*,
obtained promises,
shut the mouths of lions,

quenched the power of fire,
escaped the edge of the sword,
from weakness were made strong,
became mighty in war,
put foreign armies to flight.
Women received *back* their dead
by resurrection;

and others were tortured,
not accepting their release,
so that they might obtain
a better resurrection;
and others experienced
mockings and scourgings,
yes,
also chains and imprisonment.

They were stoned, they were sawn
in two, they were tempted,
they were put to death with the
sword; they went about in
sheepskins, in goatskins, being
destitute, afflicted, ill-treated
(*men* of whom the world was not
worthy), wandering in deserts and
mountains and caves
and holes in the ground.

And all these,
having gained approval
through their faith,
did not receive what was promised,
because God had provided
something better for us,
so that apart from us
they would not be made perfect.

RESULTS OF WALKING BY FAITH!

Hebrews 11:

VISIBLE RESULTS...

- Glorious Triumphs, 33-35a
- Agonizing Trials, 35b-38

WHAT WAS DIFFERENT
ABOUT THE FAITH OF THOSE
WHO SAW
GLORIOUS VICTORIES
VS.

THOSE WHO EXPERIENCED
AGONIZING DEFEATS?

Absolutely nothing!

RESULTS OF WALKING BY FAITH!

Hebrews 11:

INVISIBLE RESULTS...

- Negative results...

None!

RESULTS OF WALKING BY FAITH!

Hebrews 11:

INVISIBLE RESULTS...

- Positive results...
 1. God is not ashamed to be called our God!, v. 16.

RESULTS OF WALKING BY FAITH!

Hebrews 11:

INVISIBLE RESULTS...

- Positive results...
 2. The world is not worthy of us!, 38

RESULTS OF WALKING BY FAITH!

Hebrews 11:

INVISIBLE RESULTS...

- Positive results...

3. We have gained God's approval!, 39!

RESULTS OF WALKING BY FAITH!

Hebrews 11:

INVISIBLE RESULTS...

- Positive results...
 4. We have future rewards promised to us!, 39-40.

4 OBSERVATIONS...

1. The “Prosperity Gospel” is shown to be a false gospel!
2. Judging others...is dangerous!
3. God’s standards are obviously very different than the world’s!
4. Men, women, and children, can all walk by faith!

CONCLUSION:
REMEMBER
THE
LESSONS...

Options...

“Choosing God”

over

Choosing The World

Options...

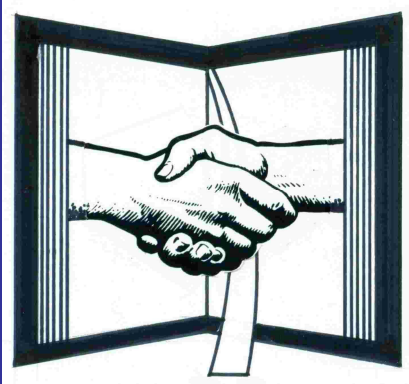
Walking by Faith

vs.

Walking By Sight

Don't let failures of
the past
keep you from
walking by faith
in the present!

**WALKING BY FAITH
IS A
MINUTE-BY-MINUTE
CHOICE WE MAKE
TO TRUST GOD
AND HIS PROMISES
IN OUR CIRCUMSTANCES!**



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