



Doing My Best by Faith, Part II

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Doing My Best

Hebrews 11:1 (New Living Translation)

1 Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see.

- **Doing my best to have confidence that what I hope for will actually happen!**
- **Doing my best to maintain assurance about things I cannot see!**

The only way to please God is to do your best by faith!

Hebrews 11:6 (New Living Translation)

6 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.

We have all been given a measure of faith.

Romans 12:3 (New King James Version)

3 For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.

I need to do my best to exercise my faith.

2 Peter 1:5 (Amplified Bible)

5For this very reason, adding your diligence [to the divine promises], employ every effort in exercising your faith to develop virtue (excellence, resolution, Christian energy), and in [exercising] virtue [develop] knowledge (intelligence),

I exercise my faith by hearing and doing the Word.

Romans 10:17 (New Living Translation)

17 So faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ.

James 1:22-25 (New Living Translation)

22 But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. **23** For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. **24** You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. **25** But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.



Jesus is the source of my faith.

Hebrews 12:2 (Amplified Bible)

2 Looking away [from all that will distract] to Jesus, Who is the Leader and the Source of our faith [giving the first incentive for our belief] and is also its Finisher [bringing it to maturity and perfection]. He, for the joy [of obtaining the prize] that was set before Him, endured the cross, despising and ignoring the shame, and is now seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Holy Word is the source of my faith.

John 1:1-3, 14 (Amplified Bible)

1 IN THE beginning [before all time] was the Word (Christ), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God Himself. **2** He was present originally with God. **3** All things were made and came into existence through Him; and without Him was not even one thing made that has come into being.

14 So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son.

I can do my best by faith by speaking and confirming some things over my life.

Romans 10:10 (Amplified Bible)

10 For with the heart a person believes (adheres to, trusts in, and relies on Christ) and so is justified (declared righteous, acceptable to God), and with the mouth he confesses (declares openly and speaks out freely his faith) and confirms [his] salvation.

Isaiah 55:11 (New International Version)

11 so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

Get your hope back and ask God again in righteousness instead of selfishness.

Matthew 7:7 (New Living Translation)

7 "Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you.

James 4:2 (New Living Translation)

2 You want what you don't have, so you scheme and kill to get it. You are jealous of what others have, but you can't get it, so you fight and wage war to take it away from them. Yet you don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it.



John 14:13-15 (New Living Translation)

13 You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father. **14** Yes, ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it! **15** "If you love me, obey[a] my commandments.