



2 CORINTHIANS

**Matching Practice With
Position!**

2 Cor 5:9-10

“So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please Him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.”

Col 1:9-10 “And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.”

2 Tim 2:4 “No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him.”

1 Thess 2:4 “but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts.”

Ro 14:23 “whatever is not of faith is sin.”

Heb 11:4-6 “By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. 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.”

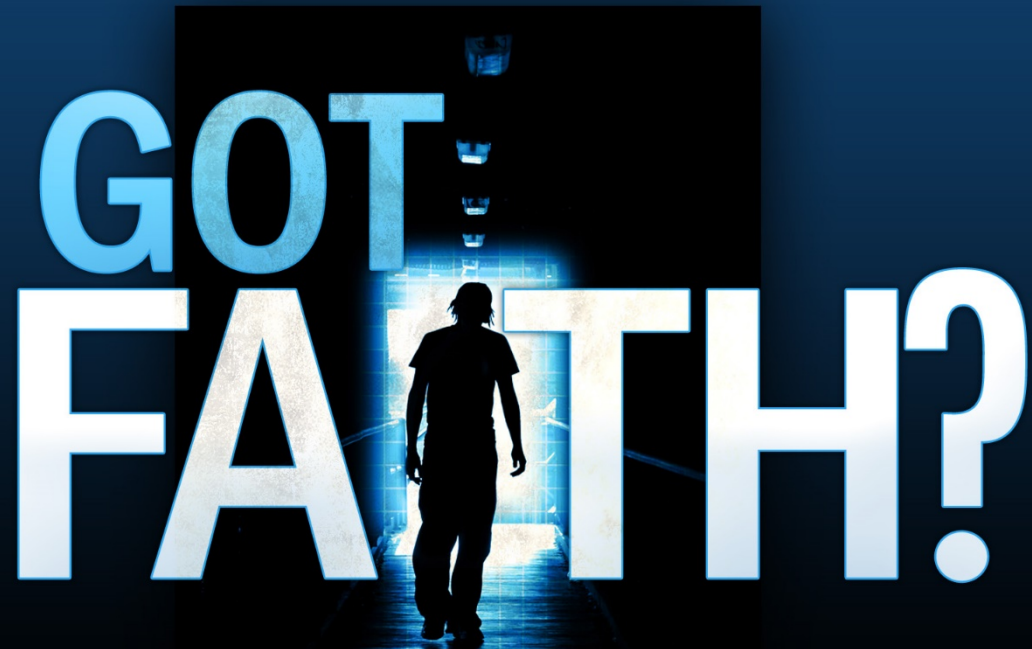
Heb 6:11-12 "We desire that each one of you show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope until the end, that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises."

Heb 10:35-36 "Do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised."

Notice the 3-step pattern:

- 1) enduring confidence in God;
- 2) doing the will of God in the power of that confidence; and
- 3) receiving what is promised.

V1-2 "Now faith is the assurance (or substance) of things hoped for, the conviction (or evidence) of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation."



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V5-6

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1. God is who He says He is!

2. He is rewarding!

Acts 17:25 “God is not served by human hands as if He needed anything...”

Notice how the 2 parts of V6 correspond to the 2 parts of V1. "Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."

The "conviction of things not seen" corresponds to faith's belief that God exists (V6a). And the "assurance of things hoped for" corresponds to faith's belief that God is the rewarder of those who seek him (V6b).