

## More Precious Than Gold (Part 1)

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**INTRODUCTION**                      1 Peter 1:6-7

**Definition of Faith**                      Hebrews 11:1

Faith is to B\_\_\_\_\_ in God and His W\_\_\_\_\_ AND to A\_\_\_\_\_ and D\_\_\_\_\_ what He says.

**Evidence of Faith**                      Matthew 7:24-25

### How do we build and grow in faith?

1. Faith is a G\_\_\_\_\_ from God.                      Ephesians 2:8-9                      Romans 12:3
2. From God's perspective, He has already given us A\_\_\_\_\_ the faith for A\_\_\_\_\_ the needs in our lives.
3. From the believer's perspective, our faith "**grows**" as we journey in R\_\_\_\_\_ and E\_\_\_\_\_ with God.                      2 Peter 1:2-4
4. In reality, we struggle in our faith because of O\_\_\_\_\_ in our lives.

### What are the obstacles to faith?

A. The E\_\_\_\_\_ O\_\_\_\_\_                      Matthew 13:18-19

B. Failure to grow R\_\_\_\_\_ of faith.                      Matthew 13:20-21  
How to overcome (A) - Evil One and (B) - No Roots?  
Proverbs 4:20-23

- C. Love of the W\_\_\_\_\_.                      Matthew 13:22                      Mark 4:19
- i. Do not be D\_\_\_\_\_-minded.                      James 1:8
- ii. Be rooted and established in the F\_\_\_\_\_ L\_\_\_\_\_.                      1 John 2:15-16
- iii. Grow in our faith in G\_\_\_\_\_ and H\_\_\_\_\_ W\_\_\_\_\_.                      1 John 5:4-5
- iv. Appropriately the D\_\_\_\_\_ E\_\_\_\_\_ in Christ.                      John 16:33
- D. The S\_\_\_\_\_ that so easily entangles.                      Hebrews 12:1                      Romans 6:11
- E. The W\_\_\_\_\_ / B\_\_\_\_\_ that holds us down.                      Hebrews 12:1

5. For faith to manifest in our lives, we must:

- A. P\_\_\_\_\_ the Word on a R\_\_\_\_\_ basis.
- B. In the partaking, hear the W\_\_\_\_\_ of Faith.                      Romans 10:17                      Galatians 3:2-3, 5
- C. Continue to nurture the S\_\_\_\_\_ of Faith.                      2 Corinthians 4:13
- D. S\_\_\_\_\_ our doubts and G\_\_\_\_\_ our faith.

6. We will be increasingly W\_\_\_\_\_ as we grow in faith?                      1 Thessalonians 5:23

**CONCLUSION**                      Luke 18:8                      Revelation 3:18