

# ***Are We Trustworthy?***

**Text: Hebrews 11:1-2 NASB 1995**

**11** Now faith is the assurance of *things* hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup> For by it the men of old gained approval.

**Faith is defined as:** 1 strong belief in God or in the doctrines of a religion, based on spiritual apprehension rather than proof: 2 complete trust or confidence in someone or something: 3 a system of religious belief: 4 a strongly held belief or theory. The Hebrew word for Faith is Aman – a root word that denotes reliability, stability, and firmness. The dominant Koine Greek word used in the New Testament is Pistis – which conveys the idea of trust, a firm internal conviction regarding the truthfulness of someone or some claim.

## ***God is Trustworthy***

**Psalms 119:85-87 NASB 1995**

<sup>85</sup> The arrogant have dug pits for me, *Men* who are not in accord with Your law. <sup>86</sup> All Your commandments are faithful; They have persecuted me with a lie; help me! <sup>87</sup> They almost destroyed me on earth, But as for me, I did not forsake Your precepts.

**Deuteronomy 7:9-10 NASB 1995**

<sup>9</sup> Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments; <sup>10</sup> but repays those who hate Him to their faces, to destroy them; He will not delay with him who hates Him, He will repay him to his face.

## ***We must be Trustworthy***

**Romans 12:4-9 NASB 1995**

<sup>4</sup> For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

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<sup>6</sup> Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, *each of us is to exercise them accordingly*: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith; <sup>7</sup> if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching; <sup>8</sup> or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

<sup>9</sup> *Let love be* without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good.

### **1 Peter 4:9-11 NASB 1995**

<sup>9</sup> Be hospitable to one another without complaint. <sup>10</sup> As each one has received a *special* gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. <sup>11</sup> Whoever speaks, *is to do so* as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves *is to do so* as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

### **Ephesians 5:1-4 NASB 1995**

**5** Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; <sup>2</sup> and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma. <sup>3</sup> But immorality or any impurity or greed must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints; <sup>4</sup> and *there must be no* filthiness and silly talk, or coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.

### **Philippians 4:4-8 NASB 1995**

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice! <sup>5</sup> Let your gentle *spirit* be known to all men. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things. <sup>9</sup> The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.