

# Supplements of Faith

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As we step out into our faith projects, we want to ensure that our faith is fully developed and ready to support the weight of success. Whatever the manifestation or breakthrough, we want to have **faith successes** and no longer tolerate **faith failures**. We want our faith to have the proper support systems in place.

Let's search the Scriptures and find out how the saints of old:

1. Pass the Faith Tests
2. Supplement Their Faith
3. Inherit the Promises
4. Access the Divine Nature of God

Hebrews 6:10-12 (ESV)

For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for [His] name in serving the saints, as you still do. And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end, so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through **faith** and **patience** inherit the promises. [emphasis added]

## Pass the Faith Tests

Faith is always tested.

James 1:3 [NLT]

For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow.

The Test:

- A built-in resistance to the Word of God fostered by the old, sinful nature (see Romans 8:7,8). The resistance is from our own evil desires
- The test does **not** come from God
- "Plan B" – purposefully doing life without God. "I am my own provider, healer, protector, etc. Basically, I am my own source!"

Passing the Test:

1. Stand your ground on what God's Word says about you and your family, your health, your future, etc.

2. Keep His Word before you; don't waver. No divided loyalty.
3. Don't give yourself a "Plan B". Always inquire of the Lord for His "Plan A".

### **Supplement Your Faith**

2Peter 1:5-7 [NLT]

In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God's promises. Supplement your faith with a generous provision of moral excellence, and moral excellence with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with patient endurance, and patient endurance with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love for everyone.

Consider it your faith support team:

Moral Excellence = Good Character

Knowledge = Research

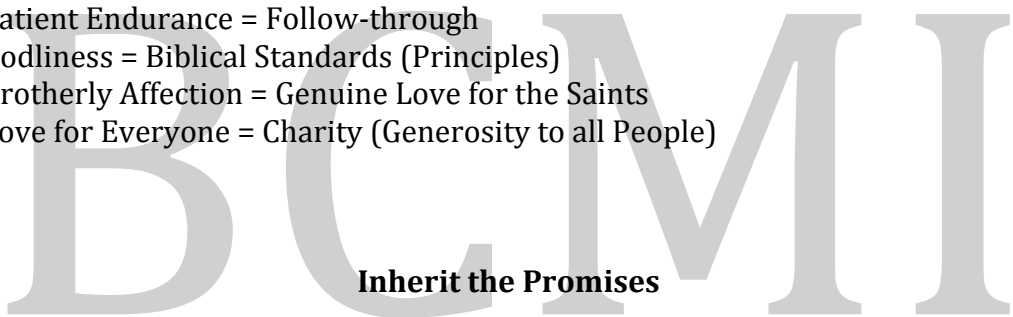
Self-Control = Discipline

Patient Endurance = Follow-through

Godliness = Biblical Standards (Principles)

Brotherly Affection = Genuine Love for the Saints

Love for Everyone = Charity (Generosity to all People)



### **Inherit the Promises**

2Peter 2:4 [NLT]

These are the promises that enable you to share His divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires.

The promises of God allow you to enjoy faith successes while maintaining holy living. You don't have to experience scandals and major losses.

What are the promises?

Ephesians 1:4-5 [NLT]

Even before He made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in His eyes. God decided in advance to adopt us into His own family by bringing us to Himself through Jesus Christ. This is what He wanted to do, and it gave Him great pleasure.

The promises bring us into the God-Class:

- Holiness – made clean through the blood of Jesus
- Without Fault – enjoying a guilt-free life
- Inheritance – adoption into His Family; everything Jesus has, you have

Another benefit to applying the faith supplements is found in James 1:4. It says,

But let endurance and steadfastness and patience have full play and do a thorough work, so that you may be [people] perfectly and fully developed [with no defects], lacking in nothing. [AMPC]

### **Access the Divine Nature of God**

Christ in you is your faith supplements. When you develop in your faith, Christ is being formed in you. The apostle Paul writes to the church in Galatia, “Oh my dear children! I feel as if I’m going through labor pains for you again, and they will continue until Christ is fully developed in your lives.”

The Father’s ultimate desire is to have sons just like Jesus. Ephesians 4:13 says,

Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ... [KJV]

The Divine Nature of God is Christ in us the hope of Glory! “To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory...” Colossians 1:27

Christ in you is your faith supplements. He is your:

- ✓ Moral Excellence = Good Character
- ✓ Knowledge = Research
- ✓ Self-Control = Discipline
- ✓ Patient Endurance = Follow-through
- ✓ Godliness = Biblical Standards (Principles)
- ✓ Brotherly Affection = Genuine Love for the Saints
- ✓ Love for Everyone = Charity (Generosity to all People)

You have been given everything you need to produce successful faith projects. In the end, God gets all the glory for the good that comes out of us.

Two Questions to Ask Yourself Before Stepping Out:

1. Is this faith project with the current level of my faith (or my faith supplements)?
2. What is the most recently completed faith project that qualifies my moving to the next faith project?

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