

A black and white portrait of George Washington Carver, an African American man with a mustache, wearing a suit and tie. He is looking slightly to the right of the camera with a neutral expression.

“Ninety-nine percent of failures come from people who have the habit of making excuses.”

George Washington Carver

Faith

Part 3

Recap:

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Without Faith We Cannot Please God

Hebrews 11:6

But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Faith is believing in God and that He exists in every place and every situation. Faith believes that God is good to those who seek Him.

Keep it Coming!

Luke 18:1-8

1 Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart,

2 saying: "There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man.

Luke 18:1-8 (continued)

3 Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, 'Get justice for me from my adversary.'

4 And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, 'Though I do not fear God nor regard man,

Luke 18:1-8 (continued)

5 yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.' "

6 Then the Lord said, "Hear what the unjust judge said.

Luke 18:1-8 (continued)

7 And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them?

8 I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?"

The break-down of this story:

- A Judge who did not fear God nor regard man
- A Widow that came to the Judge saying, “Get justice for me from my adversary.”
- The Judge grants the Widow her request, not because she was in need, but because she did not give up and continued to come for help (she got on his nerves)
- God will avenge His own elect who cry out day and night

It is Through Faith and Patience

Hebrews 6:11-12

11 And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end,

12 that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

Faith and Patience

1 Timothy 6:10-12

10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

1 Timothy 6:10-12 (continued)

11 But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness.

12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

James 1:2-3

2 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials,

3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.

Hebrews 11:36-38

36 For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise:

37 "FOR YET A LITTLE WHILE, AND HE WHO IS COMING WILL COME AND WILL NOT TARRY.

38 NOW THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH; BUT IF ANYONE DRAWS BACK, MY SOUL HAS NO PLEASURE IN HIM."

***Jesus is looking for people with
a Faith that will not Draw Back!***

**“Give me six hours
to chop down a
tree and I will
spend the first
four sharpening
the axe”**

(Abraham Lincoln)

