

Gathering Evidence

Hebrews 11:1 – *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*

- “evidence” – a proof; that by which a thing is proved or tested.
- **AMP:** “...being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality – faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses.”
- **Dictionary** – the available body of facts or information indicating whether a belief or proposition is true or valid.

II Timothy 3:16, 17 – *All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

- “given by inspiration of God” – inspired by God; God-breathed.
- “profitable” – or useful.
- “doctrine” – teaching or instruction.
- “reproof” – same Greek word as “evidence”.
- “correction” – improvement of life or character.
- “instruction in righteousness” – child training. [**AMP:** “training in righteousness [that is, in holy living, in conformity to God’s will in thought, purpose and action].”
- **So**, the Word is God-breathed and useful for evidence!

When your faith is challenged, gather scriptural evidence.

- **Scriptural evidence for healing?**

- **Scriptural evidence for peace?**
- **Scriptural evidence for finances?**
- **Scriptural evidence for freedom from bondage?**
 - **John 8:31, 32** – *Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. ³² And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” 8:36 – Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.*
 - **Galatians 5:1 [NLT]** – *So Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don’t get tied up again in slavery to the law.*
- **Scriptural evidence for freedom from fear?**
 - **Romans 8:15** – *For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.”*
 - **II Timothy 1:7** – *For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.*

II Corinthians 4:17, 18 – *For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, ¹⁸ while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.*

- **Note:** God created the world from things which are not seen.
- **Hebrews 11:3** – *By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.*

Use meditation (imagination) to gather evidence.

Philippians 4:8 – Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.

- **AMP:** “think on and weigh and take account of these things – fix your minds on them.”

Isaiah 26:3 – You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You.

- “mind” – a thought, meditation.

Joshua 6:1, 2 – Now Jericho was securely shut up because of the children of Israel; none went out, and none came in.
² And the Lord said to Joshua: “See! I have given Jericho into your hand, its king, and the mighty men of valor.”

So, what will you meditate on to gather evidence for your faith?