

PART 1
Shrink Back or Step Up

believe

STEPPING OUT, RISKING FAITH, EXPERIENCING GOD

“Without faith it is impossible to please God,
because anyone who comes to him must
believe that he exists and that he rewards those
who earnestly seek him.”

HEBREWS 11:6

*“Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will
give you the desires of your heart.”*

PSALM 37:4

"If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you."

JOHN 15:7

"I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

PHILIPPIANS 3:14


SETTING THE COURSE

1

God guarantees success only for those whose dreams are rooted in his glory and whose plans are affixed to his purpose.

"Without faith it is impossible to please God."

HEBREWS 11:6



The path to Divine blessing doesn't focus on blessing, it focuses on **pleasing**.

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2

God gives provision to those who articulate their God-centered plans in prayer.

"He rewards those who earnestly seek him."

HEBREWS 11:6

The act of
articulating a spiritual goal
is itself evidence of
the diligence and earnestness that
activates God.

SETTING THE COURSE

3

God grants Divine power for human initiative
to achieve Kingdom-centered plans.

“He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”

HEBREWS 11:6, NKJV

When we
articulate a vision
and
activate a plan

to pursue the things of God,
we begin to marshal God-implanted
energies to achieve it.

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4

God is pleased by the faith exerted in envisioning a
path, establishing a plan and efforting its achievement.

*“It’s impossible to please God apart from faith. And why? Because
anyone who wants to approach God must believe both that he exists
and that he cares enough to respond to those who seek him.”*

HEBREWS 11:6, MSG

Goals to Set

- ✓ **Personal Character:**
Specific growth in the Fruit of the Spirit
- ✓ **Christian Conduct:**
Actions to initiate/eliminate
- ✓ **Spiritual Discipline:**
Committing to empowering practices
- ✓ **Risky Faith:**
Stepping out to honor God

Actions to Take

- ✓ **Commit your spiritual goals to writing**
(Habakkuk 2:2)
- ✓ **Get a prayer/accountability partner**
(Hebrews 10:24-25)
- ✓ **Stay focused on Jesus**
(Hebrews 12:2-3)

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God-honoring faith requires a risky choice.

“But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved.”

HEBREWS 10:39

**Risky faith
is the kind
of faith
God
rewards!**

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