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"Study
to shew thyself
approved unto
God,
a workman
that needeth not
to be ashamed,
rightly dividing
the
word of truth."

2 Timothy 2:15



## Has Faith Been Forgotten?

Has faith been forgotten? Some say yes, some say no, but I know it has not. Why? For the Bible tells me so.

Even though it hasn't, some people believe that faith has been forgotten because they don't see it or

just don't want to believe, although if they looked they probably would find it. Sadly, in some places it has been forgotten.

But the wonderful thing is that there's proof in the Bible and in the true people of God. We have beautiful and amazing examples of faith!

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Evangeline Tovstiga (Age 11)

By God's Help

Tim lived in a little cozy cottage in the woods. Tim's mother was good and godly. Tim had a big problem. Tim did not love the Lord.

One day Tim was playing with his boat in the creek. He laughed as he saw his boat floating downstream. Suddenly it disappeared. At first, Tim thought it would be easy to find. He looked and looked, but he could not find it. All the excitement was gone. "My boat is gone! I looked everywhere, but I did not find it."

"What happened?" Mother asked. "It floated downstream," said Tim.

"Did you ask God to help you find it?" Mother asked. "No," he said looking down at the floor, "Mother, will you please help me find it?" "First, let's pray," Mother said, "and then I will help you find it." Tim said, "Well, I will try praying then and see what happens," then he prayed with Mother. Tim prayed disbelieving, "Dear God, help me to find my boat. In Jesus' name amen."

When he was done praying, he went down to the creek. To his great surprise there was his boat in the grass by the creek. He ran to his mother and said, "I found my boat, Mother!" Then he prayed again-this time a prayer of thanks. He gave his heart to Jesus.

Sarah Oppel (Age 10)



### A Strong Faith

One cold winter day the sun was shining very brightly. As the Brown family sped down the road toward their church, they gazed at the beautiful scenery. As they were staring out the windows they spotted a very beautiful but plain, newly-built church building-at least that's what they called it. Caleb begged his father to go to that church. Being very curious himself, the father made a U-turn and pulled into the parking lot. As they entered into the building, clean, plainly-dressed people were sitting in the pews. Service had already started. Listening to the singing, the Brown family thought it sounded heavenly, and the preacher preached a fiery message.

For at least one month the Brown family did not go back to that church, but they could never forget the kindness of the people. Before he went to that first service, father Brown had thought he was really saved, but the message had revealed to him that he was not saved. He felt convicted, and the conviction was so heavy he could not hide it from his family. He decided it was time for another visit to the church of God. After two months, he finally got saved. A little later his family got saved also!

Because they wanted to learn more about the Bible and its doctrines, they asked the pastor Brother Flynt to come explain it to them and bring his family to eat and have fellowship with them. After quite a while their daughter Rebecca became very sick, and they asked Pastor Flynt to come pray for her. She was healed. This made their faith stronger, and they learned that they could trust God through every situation.

Calah Hilbun (Age 12)

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# Do Your Best!

As children grow older, we begin to attend school. When we first start school, we are extremely excited and can hardly wait to begin the "adventure"! But then as we grow older, some become bored with the "monotonous" life of going to school every day. There are a number of us who continue to enjoy school and our studies and do our very best to make the best grades. We discover there are other things that are involved with school besides strictly our studies, such as gaining friendships, making memories, having a great attitude, and cheering others up. I am sure everyone could add a few more things with a little bit of thought.

To me, having a great attitude triggers all of it. If we have a good attitude, God and everyone around us will be pleased. We will even be a greater benefit to our friends, because if our attitude isn't right, how will we cheer anyone else up? How will we be able to obtain great grades, do our schoolwork right, and throw our all into school if our attitude is not like it should be? We won't be able to make good memories either.

Our friends will mysteriously disappear and our grades may drop. We will realize that not everyone is happy with us and wants to be around us. We will be able to receive more benefit from school if we have a good attitude about school. And before we know it, we will have graduated, and then we might wish to be back in school.

If we would realize what a privilege we have to be in a Christian school, our attitude would change! We are spared from so much. Our parents have sacrificed a lot to bring us to a wonderful school which leaves us with no excuse but to do our best. So students, I just want to encourage you to do your very best, and you *will* benefit.

Sis. Amanda Rose Bontrager

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# Teachers Who was the first teacher mentioned in the Bible who instructed workers in brass and iron? Genesis 4:22 What did Habbakuk say was a teacher of lies? Habbakuk 2:18 Who went about Galilee teaching in the synagogues? Matthew 4:23 Who came to Jesus by night, and said, "Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God"? John 3:2 Who was found teaching in the temple after they were released from prison by an angel of the Lord? Acts 5:18-21 Who were the teachers in Antioch that we read about in Acts 13:1? Who was appointed to be a teacher to the Gentiles? 2 Timothy 1:11 What kind of teachers would bring in damnable heresies and deny the Lord that bought them? 2 Peter 2:1



Watch! for there are foes abroad,
Who would tempt thy soul from God;
Dangers in the world are found;
Evil men are all around.
Watch! or thou wilt surely stray,
Wandering from the narrow way.

And as thou are weak and frail,
How shall watchfulness avail?
But by prayer. On bended knee,
Ask the Lord to succor thee.
Watch and pray! no earthly fear
Need alarm if God is near.

That deceitful heart of thine
Must be kept by power divine;
Therefore pray the God of grace
To make it His own dwelling place.
Watch and pray! thou canst not fail;
Spirit shall o'er flesh prevail.

Watch! for all around thee dwell
Hosts of darkness, sent from hell;
Evil spirits full of power,
Satan roaring to devour.
Watch! or thou shalt perish still,
Captive led at Satan's will.

Know the strength of man is weak; Strength divine 'tis thine to seek; Therefore pray—"Almighty power, Save me in temptation's hour. Give me grace that I may stand, Strengthen'd by my Savior's hand."

Then at last, thy conflicts o'er,
Thou shalt watch and pray no more.
Prayer shall turn to endless praise,
Watching end in victory's lays,
And the Savior's rest shall be
Thine throughout all eternity.

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