



Building Your Faith – Part VI The Elements of Faith

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Sermon Notes

Substance That is Evident

Hebrews 11:1 (NKJV)

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

Substance -- Defined

- a setting or placing under
- thing put under, substructure, foundation
- that which has foundation, is firm
- that which has actual existence
 - a substance, real being
- the substantial quality, nature, of a person or thing
- the steadfastness of mind, firmness, courage, resolution
 - confidence, firm trust, assurance

Substance

Luke 15:11-14

11 And he said, A certain man had two sons: 12 And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living. **13 And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living.** 14 And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want.

What Do You Do With Substance?

- **Sow it** – this principle is a purposeful intent to take a substance, release it in a place that will yield increase, and wait with patience expectation for the manifold return.
- **Give it** – This principle instructs people on how to receive at all levels.
- **Tithe it** – This principle is a command that God has set to position His people to live in overflow status by giving 10% of their increase.
- **Pray About It** – This principle connects God's Word and heart to your mouth and heart.

Substance – Sow It

Galatians 6:7-9 (New King James Version)

7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.
8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. 9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

Sowing

2 Corinthians 9:6-10 (Amplified Bible)

6[Remember] this: he who sows sparingly and grudgingly will also reap sparingly and grudgingly, and he who sows generously [that blessings may come to someone] will also reap generously and with blessings.

7Let each one [give] as he has made up his own mind and purposed in his heart, not reluctantly or sorrowfully or under compulsion, for God loves (He takes pleasure in, prizes above other things, and is unwilling to abandon or to do without) a cheerful (joyous, "prompt to do it") giver [whose heart is in his giving] 8And God is able to make all grace (every favor and earthly blessing) come to you in abundance, so that you may always and under all circumstances and whatever the need be self-sufficient [possessing enough to require no aid or support and furnished in abundance for every good work and charitable donation]. 10And [God] Who provides seed for the sower and bread for eating will also provide and multiply your [resources for] sowing and increase the fruits of your righteousness [which manifests itself in active goodness, kindness, and charity].

Substance – Give It

Luke 6:38 (New Living Translation)

38 Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back

Luke 6:38 (Contemporary English Version)

38If you give to others, you will be given a full amount in return. It will be packed down, shaken together, and spilling over into your lap. The way you treat others is the way you will be treated.

Substance – Tithe It

Malachi 3:10-11 (New Living Translation)

10 Bring all the tithes (10% of your increase) into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do," says the Lord of Heaven's Armies, "I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test! 11 Your crops will be abundant, for I will guard them from insects and disease. Your grapes will not fall from the vine before they are ripe," says the Lord of Heaven's Armies.

Substance That is Evident

- Work what you got! You have the substance of your next level in your hands.
- What was not yesterday is today; what is not today will be tomorrow.
- You need to ask God for Wisdom and Vision on how to take the substance of your life today, and make it into something for your tomorrows.