



Hebrews 10:23

“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.” (ESV)

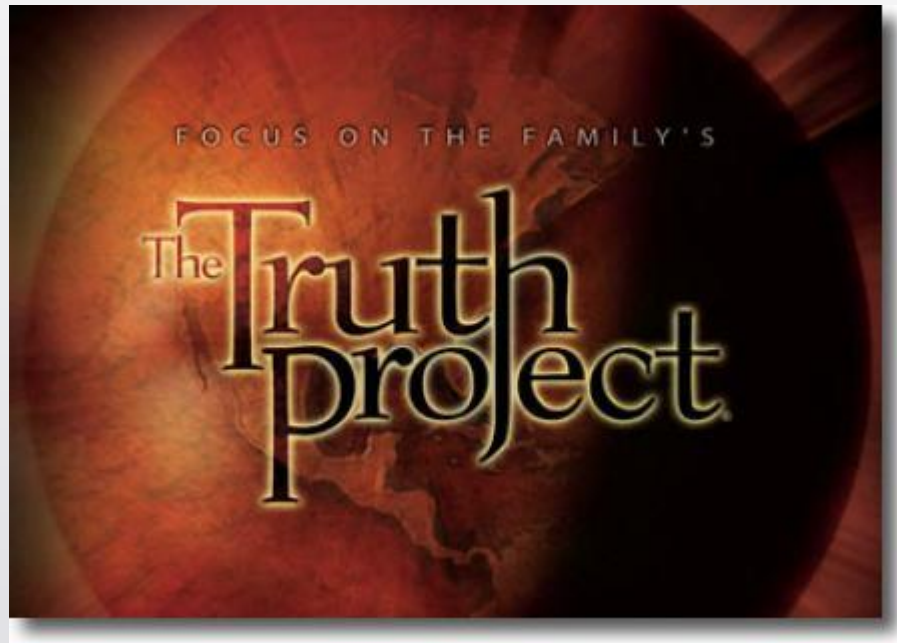
“Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.” (NIV)



Hebrews 10:35-36

“Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised.”

Del Tackett



“Do You Really Believe That What You Believe Is Really Real?”



Six Convictions

- 1. Determined Earnest (11a) – Not Slothful In Zeal**
- 2. Designated Enthusiasm (11b) – Fervent In Spirit**
- 3. Defined Emphasis (11c) – Serve The Lord**
- 4. Delightful Expectation (12a) – Rejoice In Hope**
- 5. Disciplined Endurance (12b) – Patient In Tribulation**
- 6. Devoted Entreaty (12c) – Constant In Prayer**



Romans 12:11

John Phillips

1. **Slothful** – The Outward Look
2. **Fervent** – The Inward Look
3. **Serve** – The Upward Look



I. Determined Earnest (11a)

The Believer's Actions

“And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up” (Galatians 6:9).



Translations

- 1. Not Slothful In Business (KJV)**
 - 2. Not Lagging Behind In Diligence (NASB)**
 - 3. Not Lacking In Zeal And Intensity (MacArthur)**
 - 4. Never Slack In Earnestness (Williams)**
 - 5. With Unflagging Energy (NEB)**
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Slothful – Spiritual Inertia

**“You wicked and slothful servant”
(Matthew 25:26 – ESV)**

**“You wicked, lazy servant”
(Matthew 25:26 – NIV)**



Solomon & Christ

“Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might, for there is no work or thought or knowledge or wisdom in Sheol, to which you are going” (Ecclesiastes 9:10).

“We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work” (John 9:4).



Saints From Yesteryear

D. L. Moody

John Wesley

Alexander Maclaren



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“Labor Prompted By Love”

I Thessalonians 1:3

“For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do. And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end, so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.”

(Hebrews 6:10-12)



II. Designated Enthusiasm (11b)

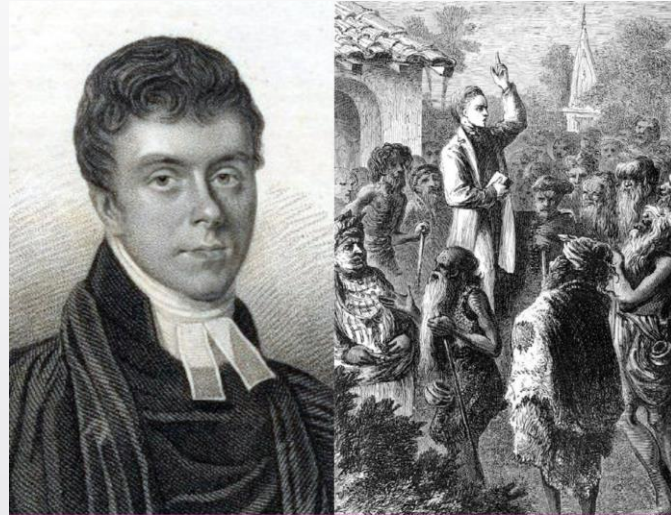
The Believer's Attitude

- 1. Always On Fire In The Spirit (Williams)**
- 2. In Ardor Of Spirit (NEB)**
- 3. Be Aglow With The Spirit (RSV)**
- 4. Let Us Keep The Fires Of The Spirit Burning (JBP)**



Fervent – To Boil & Simmer

“He had been instructed in the way of the Lord. And being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus, though he knew only the baptism of John” (Acts 18:25).



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He Said That He
Wanted To “Burn
Out For God.”



Revelation 3:15-16

“I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth.”

Abolish Spiritual Firefighters

1 Thessalonians 5:19

**“Do Not Quench
The Spirit.”**



Frank Leyden



**“What Is It With You,
Ignorance Or Apathy?”**

**“I Don’t Know And I
Don’t Care!”**



III. Defined Emphasis (11c)

The Believer's Aim

“Who Are We Serving?”



Why Are We Serving?

- 1. Latreia – Praise (“Spiritual Worship” - 1)**
- 2. Deaconos – Practical (“Our Serving” – 7)**
- 3. Doulos – Purpose (“Serve The Lord” – 11)**



For What Purpose Is Our Service?

“Make It Our Aim To Please Him” (II Corinthians 5:9)

“Whom I Serve With My Spirit” (Romans 1:9)

“Devoted Themselves” (Acts 2:42)



“Hold Unswervingly”

What Are You Doing?

Why Are You Doing It?

How Much Are You Doing It?





“A Servant’s Convictions”

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