

**DARING FAITH: THE KEY TO MIRACLES PT. 6**  
**KNOWING GOD AS THE REWARD AND REWARDER OF YOUR LIFE**  
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Hebrews: 11:1-12

**I. Introduction**

- A. Daring faith can be described as a “total \_\_\_\_\_ to believe and obey what God says in spite of our feelings, circumstances, or people’s opinions. It could be described as a predetermined, unconditional, \_\_\_\_\_ decision that you choose to make before you can prove its benefit.
- B. Some observations about this daring commitment:
1. It is something we make \_\_\_\_\_ we can see the reward.
  2. It is always the point where \_\_\_\_\_ and breakthroughs are released. It is the point that we step into the promises of God.  
*“Til I am committed, there is a hesitancy, a chance to draw back. But the moment I definitely commit myself, then God moves also; and unforeseen incidences, meetings, persons and material assistance which I could never have dreamed would come my way, begin to flow towards me-the moment I make a commitment.” –John Maxwell*
  3. It is something that goes against the grain of our \_\_\_\_\_.  
  
Jesus taught us that losing our life (options, rights...) is the way to find it and true fulfillment. The freest, happiest, most fulfilled people in the world are those who’ve traded in all of their options for the one option of His \_\_\_\_\_ in their life.  
  
How do we find the strength, courage, and conviction to make this total commitment?

**II. In Hebrews 11:6 we find that this kind of faith comes from truly believing that God is the Reward and \_\_\_\_\_ of those who diligently seek Him.**

**What this tells us:**

- A. God is by His \_\_\_\_\_ a Rewarder. *“Therefore the Lord longs to be gracious to you, And therefore He waits to have compassion on you. For the Lord is a God of justice; How blessed are all those who long for Him.” (Isaiah 30:18 NASB)*

**Thoughts about God as a Rewarder:**

1. He is attentively aware of the rewards and blessings we need.
  2. He has actually \_\_\_\_\_ up rewards waiting for us to download.  
*“But the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous.” (Prov. 13:22b)*
  3. He watches and \_\_\_\_\_ the smallest act of faith and obedience to reward.  
*“He who is faithful in little will be made ruler over much.” (Lk. 16:10)*
  4. He rewards us not for perfection but for a heart that \_\_\_\_\_ Him.
  5. His reward is infinitely greater than what we deserve. We cannot in a true sense of the word, sacrifice anything for Him, because all that we sacrifice is worthless in comparison to what He gives and promises us. God doesn’t reward us because we earn His blessing but because we position our hearts in a place that allows for it.
- B. Realizing this is important because it inspires faith and keeps us looking to God instead of people or ourselves as the \_\_\_\_\_ of what we need.

*“For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes in Him will not be disappointed.” (Rom. 10:11 NASB)*

1. It is Scriptural to anticipate \_\_\_\_\_.
  - *“... and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly” (Mat. 6:4)*
  - *“Yes,” Jesus replied, “and I assure you that everyone who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or property, for My sake and for the Good News, will receive now in return a hundred times as many houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and property, along with persecution.” (Mk. 10:29-30 NLT)*
  - *“Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and the Master you are serving is Christ.” (Col. 3:23-24)*
  - *“Don’t repay evil for evil. Don’t retaliate with insults when people insult you. Instead, pay them back with a blessing. That is what God has called you to do, and he will bless you for it.” (1 Pet. 3:9 NLT)*
2. It keeps you from looking and depending on \_\_\_\_\_ for joy.
3. It creates an attitude of faith and anticipation. Faith is both action and \_\_\_\_\_. Faith rejoices, anticipates, and prepares for the harvest.  
*“He who ploughs should plow in hope.” (1 Cor. 9:10)*

### **III. The other thing this Scripture tells us is that confidence and faith come from “believing that He is, and that He’s the Rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”**

- A. The faith to boldly lunge forward comes from first leaning back in a full and fresh revelation of who He is. We must keep a fresh awareness that God is not just God up there, He is God right \_\_\_\_\_ in my circumstances, my heart, and my need.

*“Be still and know that I am God, I will be exalted among the nations, and I will be exalted in the earth.” (Ps. 46:10)*

#### **We lean back and know that He is God by:**

1. The time we spend reading, meditating, and memorizing His \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. Worship that invites a fresh \_\_\_\_\_ of who He is.
- B. That revelation unlocks the key to a “rewarded life” which is to diligently seek God not just for rewards but as \_\_\_\_\_ we most long for. The word “seek” means to passionately pursue as a “vital necessity” not a casual interest.
- *“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all of these things will be added unto you.” (Mat. 6:33)*
  - *“Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ.” (Phil. 3:8 NLT)*

If you focus 100% on chasing the Blessor, the blessings will end up chasing you.

- C. We seek Jesus as our reward, because He was the One who deserved every reward of Heaven and choose instead to take our curse and punishment so that we could have \_\_\_\_\_ reward instead.

Will you make the decision to dare to totally commit yourself to believe and do what God asks trusting in who He is, seeking only Him, and daring to believe He will be the Reward and Rewarder in your life as you diligently seek Him?

**(Answer: I. Commitment, public, before, miracles, culture, will II. Rewarder, nature, stored, notices, seeks, Source, rewards people, attitude III. here, Word, awareness, The Reward, His)**