

# Causes Of Lack Of Faith In God

There are many things which can limit the expression of the measure of faith Jesus Christ imparts to each new believer. These are:

- self-reliance or dependence on self instead of God (see 2 Corinthians 1:8-9).
- self-trust (see Proverbs 28:26).
- lack of surrender or submission to Jesus Christ's rule over your life (see Luke 7:6-9 and remember the Greek words for faith relate partly to surrender to Him).
- lack of reading and meditating on the Bible (see Psalm 1:1-2 and 119:148).
- allowing ourselves to be ruled by sin (see Hebrews 3:12-14).
- continual careless disobedience to God in seemingly small matters.
- lack of prayer (see Matthew 17:20-21).
- anxiety and worry (see Matthew 6:25-32).
- fear (see Luke 8:50).
- doubting the truth of God's Word (see Matthew 14:30-31, John 20:24-29 and James 1:5-8).
- doubting various features of God's character such as His perfect kindness, perfect unselfishness, unlimited wisdom, infinite love for us as individuals and so on (see Numbers 21:4-5 and Deuteronomy 1:19-33).
- being too proud of our own intellect or wisdom (see 1 Timothy 6:20-21 and Psalm 10:4).
- only mentally acknowledging the truths in God's written Word but not aiming to live in accordance with these (see James 1:22-25 and 2:18-20).
- not continually thanking God for all the spiritual and natural blessings He has given us, but instead complaining most of the time about our problems, the weather and so on (Ephesians 5:20).
- not frequently reminding ourselves that without Jesus, we can do nothing of real value in an eternal perspective (see John 15:5 and 1 Corinthians 3:11-15).
- loving money and material possessions (see Mark 4:19 and 1 Timothy 6:9-10).
- allowing troubles and persecutions to harden our heart (see Matthew 13:21).
- loving pleasures and entertainments as much or more than God (see Luke 8:14 and 2 Timothy 3:4).
- following unbiblical wrong doctrines (see 1 Timothy 4:1).

There are others besides the above, but these are the main ones.

## Bible Study Question

1. What are the causes of a lack of faith towards God the Father and Jesus Christ? Discuss any of these against which you battle.