

faith:

confidence that actions rooted in good character will yield the best outcome

be confident in good character

Faith is confidence that is rooted in one's knowledge of the truth. Faith is generally focused on future outcomes, but it is always rooted in present realities. The concept of faith is the understanding that what you do today will affect what happens tomorrow. The more you understand how to tie decisions today with results tomorrow, the more you can act with the confidence of faith.

Although a "step of faith" may lead into unknown territory, faith is not a "leap in the dark." To act without trustworthy basis is presumption, the opposite of faith. Faith is stepping out with confidence in the principles that lead you. Lead and follow with the character quality of faith.

The measure of a person's faith is not in the moment of decision, but in the steadfastness of standing by that decision. That is why a person who is consistent through thick and thin is said to be faithful.

Faith n.1: confident belief in the truth, value or trustworthiness of a person, idea or thing. 2: loyalty to a person or thing; allegiance 3: a set of principles or beliefs.

Believe in yourself and good character!



Children have to have faith in their parents, teachers, and coaches as well as themselves. No goal was ever accomplished without first beginning with the belief that it could be done. Faith is achieved by consistently demonstrating good character. Character qualities that we can practice everyday that will ensure others that they can put their faith in us are: Dependability, Responsibility, Initiative, Determination and Patience. One of the most important things that we can do is praise our youth when we see them doing the right thing and showing good character!

“The journey of a thousand miles must begin with one step.”

(Lao-Tzu)

“Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase.”

(Martin Luther King)

faith

vs. presumption

A faithful person adheres to what is right and draws confidence from the observation that right will prevail. Rise above obstacles by living according to what you know is true.

Faith is:

- Expecting the best
- Making right choices based on good character rather than on the whims of circumstance
- Believing the truth and rejecting a lie
- Not taking things for granted
- Trusting those who have proven character

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Character by definition is consistency. Character is making daily decisions based on what one knows to be true, regardless of present circumstances. If you believe that diligence, orderliness, responsibility and other character qualities represent true principles of life, you will strive to be faithful to those qualities even when present circumstances look doubtful. A person with faith stands consistently by his or her commitment to good character.

Actions rooted in good character will yield the best outcome, even when you cannot see how. Character works! But even more importantly, the principles of character are reliable and true. Have a little faith that your good character will take you a long way!

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