

IV. **TITHING**

“Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this,” Says the LORD of hosts, “If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it.” Malachi 3:10

“Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?” Luke 16:11

Are you consistently returning the full tithe to God and your local church?

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V. **HEARING**

“So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” Romans 10:17

- Have **daily** **devotions**.

“But He answered and said, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.’” Matthew 4:4

- Participate in a weekly **growth** **group**.

“that is, that I may be encouraged together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me.” Romans 1:12

- Attend a weekly **church** **service**.

“Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.” II Timothy 4:2

Am I consistently hearing the Bible through daily devotions, growth group, and church services?

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STEP UP: TAKING YOUR LIFE TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Step Up For Faith
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INTRODUCTION

A. Are you ready to take your life to the next level in the New Year? Action is required to make that happen, you must step up! Right now there is a lot of advice going around about how to change and improve your life. However, the best source and the only perfect source is found in the Bible.

“Direct my steps by Your word, And let no iniquity have dominion over me.” Psalm 119:133

B. In this series you are going to learn from the Bible what you can do to take your life to the next level in six specific areas.

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| Jan 3 | Step Up For God |
| TODAY | Step Up For Faith |
| Jan 17 | Step Up For Health |
| Jan 24 | Step Up For Finances |
| Jan 31 | Step Up For Generosity |
| Feb 7 | Step Up For Church |

Come and hear these messages and discover what actions are needed to take your life to the next level!

C. **TEXT:** Hebrews 11:6 (Pew Bible/Pg. 1180/New Testament)

Faith is confident **obedience** to the Word of God regardless of **circumstances** or **consequences**.

HOW TO STEP UP FOR FAITH

I. FRIENDS

"We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other,"

II Thessalonians 1:3

"As iron sharpens iron, So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend."

Proverbs 27:17

"But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,"

Jude 20

Are you consistently hanging out with friends who will build your faith?

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II. ADVERSITY

*"6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials,
7 that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ"*

I Peter 1:6-7

*"2 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials,
3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.
4 But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing."*

James 1:2-4

"Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver; I have tested you in the furnace of affliction."

Isaiah 48:10

Are you consistently allowing adversity to develop your faith?

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III. IMPATIENCE

*"3 And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance;
4 and perseverance, character; and character, hope."*

Romans 5:3-4

"8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

9 By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise;

10 for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God."

Hebrews 11:8-10

"And you shall remember that the LORD your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not."

Deuteronomy 8:2

"For since the beginning of the world Men have not heard nor perceived by the ear, Nor has the eye seen any God besides You, Who acts for the one who waits for Him."

Isaiah 64:4

Are you consistently waiting patiently on God?

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