

Faith Measurement Inventory

Instructions: As you take the inventory respond relatively quickly. Do not over-analyze the questions. Circle each number honestly using the numbers below.

1= never true / 2=almost never/ 3=rarely/ 4=sometimes / 5=usually/ 6=almost always/ 7=always true

1a.) I think God exists
1 2 3 4 5 6 7

2a.) I think that God is good and defines what is good
1 2 3 4 5 6 7

3a.) I think of God in personal, relational terms such as Father
1 2 3 4 5 6 7

4a.) I think that God is almighty
1 2 3 4 5 6 7

5a.) I think that God not only started the world but directed each little detail in its formation
1 2 3 4 5 6 7

6a.) I think God created a spiritual realm called heaven
1 2 3 4 5 6 7

7a.) I think that Jesus has always been and always will be 100% God
1 2 3 4 5 6 7

8a.) I think that Jesus became a human being, born in Bethlehem, Israel
1 2 3 4 5 6 7

9a.) I think that Jesus was called and anointed to be the prophet/high priest/king of kings
1 2 3 4 5 6 7

10a.) I think that God was really Jesus' father
1 2 3 4 5 6 7

11a.) I think that Jesus has the right to make any and all decisions about my life
1 2 3 4 5 6 7

12a.) I think that Jesus became a fertilized egg in Mary's womb by the power of the Holy Spirit
1 2 3 4 5 6 7

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13a.) I think that Mary did not have a sexual union with a man (nor receive male seed any other way) to conceive Jesus and then Jesus developed in the womb about 9 months before he was born 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

14a.) I think that Jesus existed historically in Palestine and was often called a rabbi and prophet. He was brought to trial before Caiaphas and sentenced to die by Pontius Pilate 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

15a.) I think that Jesus was crucified on a Roman cross 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

16a.) I think that Jesus died on a cross on a Friday during Passover week 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

17a.) I think that Jesus' body was buried in a tomb near Jerusalem 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

18a.) I think that hell exists 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

19a.) I think that Jesus went to hell in his death 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

20a.) I think that Jesus was bodily raised from the dead on the third day after his death 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

21a.) I think that the scriptures prophesied of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

22a.) I think that Jesus, having been raised from the dead, ascended to have the ability to be everywhere at once, including in individual people's hearts 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

23a.) I think that Jesus ascended all the way to the right hand of his Father 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

24a.) I think that Jesus will bodily return to earth and be seen by human eyes 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

25a.) I think that Jesus will judge every person, living and dead, in regards to everything important about their lives 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

26a.) I think that the Holy Spirit is 100% God 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

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27a.) I think that the Holy Spirit inspired and speaks through the writings of the scriptures

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

28a.) I think that God has called the church into existence and has given the church a great destiny

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

29a.) I think that the church is holy

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

30a.) I think that there is only one church around the world though it has many denominations

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

31a.) I think that local believers in Jesus are called to connect to with each other

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

32a.) I think that the church is made up of sinners needing forgiveness and God has given promises to forgive all based on Jesus' death and resurrection

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

33a.) I think that even if believers die yet shall they live spiritually in God's presence, waiting for bodies to rise from the dust

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

34a.) I think that one day God will raise up all people from the dead bodily

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

35a.) I think that God will keep his promise to his children to give them eternal life.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Proceed to the second 35b questions.

1= never true / 2=almost never/ 3=rarely/ 4=sometimes / 5=usually/ 6=almost always/ 7=always true (circle the appropriate number)

1b.) I have peace because God exists

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

2b.) I am filled with hope that good will come my way

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

3b.) I have peace because God is my Father

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

4b.) I pray about all things expecting God to answer

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

5b.) I have a well grounded expectations that God will be involved in every area of my life.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

6b.) I know I am going to heaven

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

7b.) Building my relationship with Jesus helps me to know the Father

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

8b.) When Jesus came to earth he came for me so I am free to be here for others

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

9b.) I have heard and am responding to Jesus' call in my life

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

10b.) Knowing God the Father loves me as much as he loved Jesus energizes my life

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

11b.) Knowing God's ways are best for my life, and also knowing his ways are for my good, I live Jesus' way

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

12b.) Because God creates good works for me to walk into I am looking for and step into the good the Holy Spirit has conceived for my life

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

13b.) I often pray this phrase (or at least this idea) "Let it be done according to your word, Lord."

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14b.) Living out God's agenda (for instance as it is summarized in the sermon on the Mt. / Matt. 5-7) helps me see the rule and reign of God in the world 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

15b.) I experience God's love and forgiveness because of the cross
1 2 3 4 5 6 7

16b.) I experience hope because of the cross and therefore I am freed to lay down my life for others 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

17b.) I know my death is not the end so I am energized to live now
1 2 3 4 5 6 7

18b.) If it were not for Jesus I would go to hell
1 2 3 4 5 6 7

19b.) Jesus took my sin, indeed became sin on the cross, and because of it was separated from God, so I do not take my sin lightly 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

20b.) Because Jesus was raised from the dead I know that there is no good that God can not accomplish in my life 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

21b.) I think that the scriptures tell me the most important things I can learn about the direction of my life 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

22b.) Because Jesus lives in my heart by faith, I develop my relationship with him daily
1 2 3 4 5 6 7

23b.) Knowing Jesus is at the right hand of the Father praying for me gives me great encouragement 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

24b.) I have joy because I know evil will not be active forever. This gives me courage to confront it now. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

25b.) I have joy knowing that because of Jesus I have passed through the first judgment about whether I will enter heaven or not. Knowing this is true I extend this mercy and grace to others. And I stand up for those who cannot stand up for themselves. All this and more will be critiqued by Jesus as I one day will stand before the throne of God and have all my motives and actions laid bare for what they are 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

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26b.) I regularly sense the Holy Spirit gives me power in my life
1 2 3 4 5 6 7

27b.) I hear God speaking to me through the scriptures and therefore I have well grounded expectations for my life 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

28b.) I know my calling and am excited about actively walking in that call... at church, at home, at work, and about the world. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

29b.) Because God has made me holy I live differently
1 2 3 4 5 6 7

30b.) I expect to see God at work around the block and around the world through a diverse redeemed people, and it joys me to see this 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

31b.) I love spending time with brothers and sisters in Christ.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7

32b.) I look for ways to share the gospel with others
1 2 3 4 5 6 7

33b.) I experience courage *knowing death cannot separate me from the love of God*
1 2 3 4 5 6 7

34b.) I experience peace *knowing death is not the end*
1 2 3 4 5 6 7

35b.) *Knowing God* motivates me to live the eternal kind of life now, and it gives me joy knowing that I will experience it into a future that has no end 1 2 3 4 5 6 7



First Month A.) Add up the sum of 35a. _____
 B.) Add up the sum of 35b. _____
 C.) Subtract B.) from A.) _____ ← baseline

Next Month A.) Add up the sum of the change of 35a. _____
 B.) Add up the sum of the change of 35b. _____
 C.) Add A.) and B.) to the first baseline
 for the new baseline _____ ← new baseline

How to do the scoring:

Sample example of A.) using two numbers:

1a.) I think God exists

1 2 3 4 5 7

2a.) I think that God is good and defines what is good

1 2 3 4 6 7

the sum for 1a and 2a is 11

do all of 1a through 35a this way and enter sum on line A.)

Sample example of B.) using two numbers:

11b.) Knowing God's ways are best for my life, and also knowing his ways are for my good, I live Jesus' way

1 2 4 5 6 7

12b.) Because God creates good works for me to walk into I am looking for and step into the good the Holy Spirit has conceived for my life

1 3 4 5 6 7

the sum of 11b and 12 b is 5

do all of 1b through 35b this way and enter sum on line B.)

next:

subtract B.) from A.)

made up sample for First Month baseline:

	A.) Add up the sum of 35a.	<u>233</u>
First Month	B.) Add up the sum of 35b.	<u>176</u>
	C.) Subtract B.) from A.)	<u>57</u> ← baseline

How to do scoring for Next Month Section

Note: This time you are looking for the amount of change. If a number moves to the right you add a positive number. If the number moves to the left you have a negative number.

Sample example of A.) using two numbers

1a.) I think God exists

1 2 3 4 7

2a.) I think that God is good and defines what is good
1 2 3 4 ○ ○ 7

Note: The first month number for 1a.) was 6. The next month number for 1a.) was 5. Since the number moved to the left you have a -1.

The first month number for 2a.) was 5. The next month number for 2a.) was 6. Since the number moved to the right you have +1.

Scoring

Next Month **A.) Add up the sum of the change of 35a.** _____
 B.) Add up the sum of the change of 35b. _____
 D.) Add A.) and B.) to the first baseline
 for the new baseline _____ ← **new baseline**

So for the two numbers given for A.) you add -1 to +1 and you get 0. You then do the same thing for 1a through 35a and enter the amount on the line of A.)

Do the same for B.)

Then simply add A.) and B.) to the first baseline.

Sample:

Next Month **A.) Add up the sum of the change of 35a.** +4
 B.) Add up the sum of the change of 35b. +5
 E.) Add A.) and B.) to the first baseline $57 + 9 = 66$
 for the new baseline 66 ← **new baseline**

What do the numbers mean?

The numbers do not have intrinsic meaning when standing alone. The first sum is designed to become the baseline from which you can measure the faith growth.

Why do I subtract 35b from 35a in the first month?

Faith is more than convictions. Faith is also about hope, well-grounded expectations. (See Heb 11:1) 35a is about conviction. 35b is about hope. We tend to have greater conviction than hope. The less the hope the more anemic is our faith, even with strong conviction. Our goal is to grow in both A.) and B.) The First Month baseline reflects these thoughts.

Why do I add the amount of change to the first month baseline? Once you have the baseline you want to track the movement from the baseline. Am I growing? Am I decreasing? Why? What do I learn from looking over the change of numbers?

Repeat this survey again. Use the New baseline as your new starting point and repeat.

Sample:

Next Month A.) Add up the sum of the change of 35a. _____
 B.) Add up the sum of the change of 35b. _____
 F.) Add A.) and B.) to the first baseline $66 + x = \text{new sum}$
for the new baseline _____ ← new baseline

Important note about this inventory. 1.) *If you only do this inventory once the sum will not tell you anything significant.* 2.) *The second numbers from the second taking of the inventory should be compared to the first numbers (not to other people's numbers.) Therefore, the important numbers to watch are the change of numbers.* 3.) *These numbers are for you and you alone. Comparing them to others will not be helpful.*

Pray about the numbers you see. Choose five numbers to regularly pray about in the following month. Do you want certain numbers to grow? Ask Jesus to help you find a way to grow that area.

Repeat this process over a course of time. Come back to it after a break. Continue the process. Continue to ask the questions above. As you look at the movement develop a plan how to address the numbers the Holy Spirit prods you to examine and work on.