



Youth and Faith

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FAITH



Definition of faith

Dictionary

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faith

/fāTH/

noun

1. complete trust or confidence in someone or something.
"this restores one's faith in politicians"

Similar:

trust

belief

confidence

conviction

credence

reliance



2. strong belief in God or in the doctrines of a religion, based on spiritual apprehension rather than proof.

"bereaved people who have shown supreme faith"

Similar:

religion

church

sect

denomination

persuasion



What is the true definition of faith?

Biblically, faith is considered a belief and trust in God based on evidence but without total proof.

This idea is associated with taking a leap of faith, a common English idiom.



<https://rediscoveringu.com/leap-of-faith/>

Blind or rationalized faith

6. = Faith may be either blind or rationalized.

Blind faith examines nothing and accepts without verification both truth and falsehood, and at each step clashes with evidence and reason.

Only faith that is based on truth guarantees the future, because it has nothing to fear from the progress of enlightenment, seeing that what is true in obscurity is also true in light.

The Gospel according to Spiritism, Chapter 19

What does it mean to have faith?

To have faith means to have trust

Among all definitions, faith holds a common theme: trust. Whether you're putting faith in a person, duty or belief, trust is a necessity.



<https://keyassociatesinc.com/trust-core-great-relationships/>

Now imagine=

How hard is to have faith when you= .

**Don't know your
place place in
society yet?**

Feel lost?

**Have so many different
influences coming from
everywhere?**

Remembering=

What do you remember from your
adolescence?

What this has to
do with faith?!



Adolescence and Life



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Adolescence and Life

Unadapted to the new social environment in which he will move, he suffers conflict of no longer being a child, finding himself, however, without an organized structure for adult games.

It is, therefore, the intermediate period between two important phases of earthly existence, which are responsible for preparing for the most profound existential activities=



<https://apps.who.int/violence-info/youth-violence/>

The role of the family

If the home offers emotional security and understanding, the adolescent has ease of selecting values and accepting those that are most favorable to progress.

The influence of parents is decisive in the elaboration and development of the idealism, in the affirmation of one's own identity, **without pressure or authoritarianism of the parents, rather than offering means for dialogue enlightening**, without being subject to castrating and imposing advice, always of bad results.



<https://buildingontheword.org/the-cost-of-family-love/>

The role of our actions

Models must be silent, speaking more through examples, through joy of living, through proven values, instead of loud words, but whose practices demonstrate the opposite.

For this reason, advanced biological age is not always synonymous with wisdom, balance. There are young people who are mature, while there are elderly people who remain imprisoned in the capricious and stubborn child of childhood outdated.



This too shall pass=

Invariably the Spirit reincarnates to continue tasks that were interrupted=

The search for identity in adolescents is time-consuming, as is the case with individual in itself, extending over the period of reason, maturation and old age.



<https://lens.monash.edu/@education/2023/05/01/1385697/building-a-powerful-self-identity-why-it-matters-for-adolescents>

How faith can help in our day-by-day life?

- Faith communities can nurture a sense of connectedness by recognizing the people and organizations that are important in the lives of youth and young people
- Bring the feeling of belonging, connection and support
- Be a little bit more like Pollyanna=



<https://www.shakespeareandcompany.com/books/pollyanna>

Faith, the mother of hope and charity

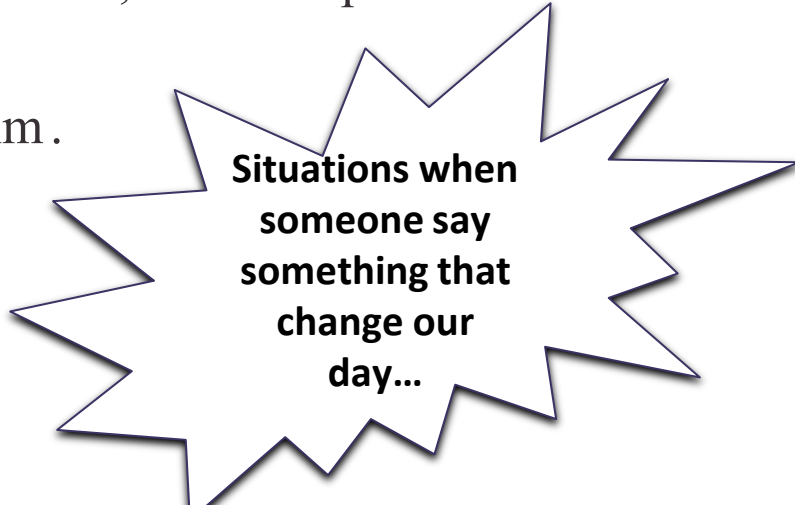
11. In order to be profitable, faith must be active; it must not become benumbed=
Hope and charity are inferences of faith and all three together form an inseparable trinity.

If there was no faith what would there be to hope for?

Sincere faith is gripping and contagious; it communicates itself to those who have none or who do not even desire it. It finds persuasive words which touch the soul=

So then, have faith with all that it contains of beauty and goodness, with its pureness and rationality. Do not accept a faith that cannot be substantiated.

Love God knowing why you love Him.



**Situations when
someone say
something that
change our
day...**

The parable of the mustard seed



"For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you."

(Matthew 17:20-21).

<https://www.istockphoto.com/illustrations/mustard-tree-cartoon>

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Have a blessed week!