

# Where the Rubber Meets the Road!

## Part 6: "Not for Gamers!"

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***Our faith has to be real: transformational, stress-tested, clear-eyed, far-reaching and bright-shining!***

***Our faith must be visible in the world we are living in, and it has to be duplicable and attainable!***

***Our faith must be consistent (quality) and continual (uninterrupted)!***

**Real faith is not for gamers!**

**Gamers Psychology... *Not going to argue the secular pundits...*** Some who applaud gaming because it develops good hand/eye skills... Who categorically say that there is no harm in playing violent games... That it diffuses anger/aggression by repeating it over and over again, *letting it out!* Who tout new social skills because the "sharing aspect" has improved over time/revolutions!

***Just want to address the psyche (soul) of gamers, for our point...*** Come home from a hard day of life; tired, frustrated, wound up... Click on the screen and grab the *controller!* Play can go on for hours... And just as life fades into fantasy and fantasy becomes life... "Real life" interrupts: nature calls, hunger strikes, sleep takes over, work comes around... But 'It's all good...' because you have... AN ON AND OFF BUTTON!

***But real faith is not for gamers who want to turn it on and off!***

***Faith is not a fantasy game interrupted by the 'real world!'***

***Faith is the rise from a 'fantasy-game' into the real world!***

**Philippians 2.5ff** "You let this mind be in you, which was also in Jesus... who, not looking to be famous among men, *became a servant, humbled and obedient even in the face of death on the cross*; which is exactly why God highly exalted Him and gave Him a name higher and greater than any name on earth or in heaven!"

**No on and off switching! *Lifetime continuity!***

**Colossians 2.4ff** "*Don't let anyone (or anything) beguile (deceive, dilute or distract) you with enticing words (away from your life with God)...* as you have received Christ, *be occupied with Him*; rooted, built on Him, established in faith, super-abounding in faith with thanksgiving... in Him dwells all the fullness of the Trinity and you are filled up to the brim in Him who overarches all other rulers and powers!"

**Rooted, built, established, flowing, GRATEFUL... *time without end!***

**Compendium:** "*Holding onto the word of life...!*" **Phil 2.16** "*Holding faith*, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made themselves a wreck..." **1Tim 1.19** "*Holding the mystery of the faith* in a pure conscience." **1Tim 3.9** "*Holding fast the faithful word you were taught*, enabled by sound doctrine to exhort and convince opposers; for there are many unsubdued, senseless talkers and deceivers who need to be encountered." **Titus 1.9-11**

“Prove all things; hold fast to what is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil. And the very God of peace will sanctify you! My prayer is that your whole spirit and soul and body will be preserved blameless unto the coming of the Lord Jesus.” **1Thess 5.21-23** “Hold fast the form of sound words, which you heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. That good thing which was committed to you, keep by the Holy Ghost which dwells in us.” **1Tim 1.13,14** “We are Christ’s house if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.” **Hebrews 3.6** “For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end...” **Hebrew 3.14**

***Every verse points to a firm grip on a life of faith for an entire lifetime!***

***Every verse points to a life of faith that counters a culture seeking false relief!***

***Every verse calls us to find ourselves faith-full!***

**A life of faith is not for gamers!**

**Real faith doesn’t come with on-and-off, or ‘pause’ buttons!**