



Faithfulness

“A four-fold focus”

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FAITHFULNESS



“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, *longsuffering*, kindness, goodness, ***faithfulness***, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.” - ***Galatians 5:22-23 NKJV***.

1 Corinthians 4:2 (NLT) – “Now a person who is put in charge as a manager must be ***faithful***.”

1 Corinthians 4:17 (NKJV) – “For this reason I have sent Timothy to you, who is my beloved and ***faithful*** son in the Lord, who remind of my ways in Christ, as I teach everywhere in every church.”

1 Timothy 1:12 (NKJV) – “And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me ***faithful***, putting me into the ministry.”

2 Timothy 2:2 (NKJV) – “And the thing that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these ***faithful*** men who will be able to teach others also.”

Titus 1:5 – 6 (NKJV) – “For this reason I left you in Crete, that you should set in order the things that are lacking, and appoint elders in every city as I commanded you – if a man is blameless, the husband of one wife, ***having faithful children*** not accused or dissipation or insubordination.”

Revelation 2:10 (NKJV) – “Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be ***faithful*** until death, and I will give you the crown of life.”

Revelation 17:14 (NKJV) – “These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for His Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and ***faithful***.”

FAITHFULNESS = trusty; trustworthy; faithful; sure; reliable; dependable; of persons who show themselves faithful in the transaction of business, the execution of commands or the discharge of official duties; worthy of trust; one that can be relied on.

FAITHFULNESS FOCUS #1 – PURPOSES OF FAITHFULNESS:

- #1) First, we’ve been given the fruit and force of _____ that enables and equips us with the capacity and capability to be and remain _____ to our Father God and Jesus our Lord. #2) Secondly, we’ve been given the fruit and force of _____ to enable and equip us in our _____ and corporate assignment and in the _____ of God for our lives and the _____ of God on our lives. #3) Thirdly, _____ and growing healthy and strong in _____ helps us cope with problems, pains and pressures of _____ that comes to make us unfaithful.
- **Importance of Faithfulness to Developing and Growing in the Grace of God:**
 - (1) We are not to receive the grace of God in VAIN. **2 Corinthians 6:2 (NKJV)** – “We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain.”
 - **VAIN** = empty, devoid of truth, fruitless, without effect
 - (2) We are not to FRUSTRATE the grace of God. **Read Galatians 2:20, 21**
 - **FRUSTRATE** = to do away with, to set aside, disregard, to reject, to refuse, to slight, cast off.

- (3) We are to look diligently after one another lest we FAIL the grace of God. **Read Hebrews 12:12 – 17**
- (4) We are to GROW in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Read 2 Peter 3:18**
- (5) We are to be STRONG in the grace of the Lord and endures hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. **2 Timothy 2:1 – 3 (NKJV)** – “You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to **faithful** men who will be able to teach others also. You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.”

FAITHFULNESS FOCUS #2 – PRINCIPLES OF FAITHFULNESS:

- **Luke 16:10 – 12 (NKJV)** – “He who is **faithful** in what is least is **faithful** also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much. Therefore if you have not been **faithful** in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches. And if you have not been **faithful** in what is another man’s, who will give you what is your own?”
 - Jesus said that if you can’t be faithful in your _____, then you can’t be trusted with anything!
 - Your faithfulness in _____ things qualifies for getting _____ things.
 - As you become _____ through small things, God will increase your leadership responsibilities.
- **Proverbs 13:17 (NKJV)** – “A talebearer reveal secrets, But he who is of a **faithful** spirit conceals a matter.”
- **Proverbs 14:5 (NKJV)** – “A **faithful** witness does not lie, But a false witness will utter lies.”
- **Proverbs 27:6 (NKJV)** – “**Faithful** are the wounds of a friend, But the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.”
- **2 Timothy 2:13 (NKJV)** – “Likewise, their wives must be reverent, not slanderers, temperate, **faithful** in all things.”
 - The outworking and product of faithfulness is _____ in your speech and talk.
 - With the force and fruit of faithfulness developing in our lives we can be trusted to _____ the right things.

FAITHFULNESS FOCUS #3 – PROTECTION OF FAITHFULNESS: (COPING WITH PERSECUTION)

2 Timothy 3:12 (NKJV) – “Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.”

- To live godly is to be God-like. And God is _____! His _____ never fails! His _____ is great (**Psalms 89:33; Psalm 119:90; Lamentation 3:23**).
- Seven times in the New Testament the phrase “God is faithful” is recorded. ***GOD IS FAITHFUL!!***
- **PERSECUTE** = To make to run or flee; put to flight; to pursue (in a hostile manner); in any way whatever to harass; trouble; to mistreat. PERSECUTION is...
 - *Indignation without justifiable cause*
 - *It is the unjust treatment of the progressive.*
 - *It is the misrepresentation, castigation, backbiting and the running down of those who are ahead.*
- Every lifting and elevation from God is enveloped in _____. (**Read Mark 10:29 – 30**).
- Persecution is a human factor of _____. The backward and backsliders and unfulfilled justify their position by _____ the front liners. (Like Crabs in a bucket, they try to pull you back and pull you down to make you unfaithful and unfruitful.) Persecution is not affliction; it is proof of spiritual _____.
- You must allow _____ to deter your progress – stay faithful – stir up the force of FAITHFULNESS!
- Persecution are _____ of the devil to keep you from your goal. They are meant to distract and weary you, so you may give up from pursuing your vision and ministry. _____ is one of the enemy’s weapons to weary us. Persecutions will come. **DO NOT GIVE IN TO THE PRESSURE OF _____!**

FAITHFULNESS FOCUS #4 – PRACTICE OF FAITHFULNESS: (LESSONS FROM TWO PARABLES)

- **Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14 – 30):**
 - Not all Christian believers have the same calling and gifts
 - The Lord expects all of us individually to be FAITHFUL with our gifts and callings and assignments.
 - NOTE: (1st) All servants were given something – God never gives insignificant “TALENT” (2nd) It really comes down to obedience.
- **Parable of the Pounds “Mina” (Luke 19:13 – 27):**
 - Everybody is given one Pound (Mina)
 - Each person’s reward was different to the degree of multiplication of what was given; (Different degrees of multiplication)
 - Every single born again Christian believer is on an equal playing field.
 - The manner in which we “multiply” will determine our REWARD and future RULERSHIP WITH CHRIST during His Millennial Kingdom.

