



Faithfulness in All Things

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*But the fruit of the Spirit is love,
joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness,*

faithfulness,

gentleness, self-control;

against such things there is no law.

Galatians 5:22-23

FAITHFULNESS—Galatians 5:18-26

- It is NOT a deed of the flesh.
- It IS a fruit of the Spirit.
- There is no law against it.
- It affects the way we live our lives.
- It is nothing for us to boast about.

What is FAITHFULNESS?

Greek Dictionary: trustworthy or reliable, sure, true.

English Dictionary:

- having or showing true and constant support or **loyalty** like a faithful friend or a faithful wife.
- Also it means **deserving trust** : keeping your promises or doing what you are supposed to do.

Dependable, trustworthy, reliable, loyal

“The faithful person is one who is dependable, trustworthy, and loyal, who can be depended upon in all of his relationships and who is absolutely honest and ethical in all of his affairs.”
~Jerry Bridges

“Paul’s thought is that the Christian life is to manifest itself in the faithful discharge of all duties and the honest handling of all things committed to it.”
~Alexander MacLaren

What does the New Testament say about FAITHFULNESS?

1. FAITHFULNESS is one of the _____ matters of life.

Matthew 23:23

*"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected the weightier provisions of the law: justice and mercy and **faithfulness**; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others."*

"A little thing is a little thing,
but faithfulness in little things is a great thing."
~Hudson Taylor

2. _____ are required to be FAITHFUL/
trustworthy.

1 Corinthians 4:1-2

*Let a man regard us in this manner, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. In this case, moreover, it is required of stewards that one be found **trustworthy**.*

Matthew 24:42-51

"Every person in the world holds his LIFE, natural ABILITIES, WEALTH, and POSSESSIONS in trust from God and must give account of how these things are used."

"The faithful steward pictures the genuine believer, who manages well the spiritual riches God has put in his care for the benefit of others, and the careful management of the master's estate. Faithful expression of the duty of such spiritual stewardship will result in honor and reward."

~John MacArthur

A verse for women:

1 Timothy 3:11

*Women **must likewise be** dignified, not malicious gossips, but temperate, faithful in all things.*

3. FAITHFULNESS is the result of _____.

Galatians 5:18, 22-26

*But if you are **led by the Spirit**, you are not under the Law. But the **fruit of the Spirit** is... **faithfulness**,...; against such things there is no law. Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we **live by the Spirit**, let us also **walk by the Spirit**. Let us not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another.*

“The third triad—faithfulness, meekness, temperance—seems to point to the world in which the Christian life is to be lived as a scene of difficulties and oppositions.

~Alexander MacLaren

4. Our FAITHFULNESS in this life will be _____ in the life to come.

To the church at Smyrna:

Revelation 2:9-11

*'I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich), and the blasphemy by those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, so that you will be tested, and you will have tribulation for ten days. Be **faithful** until death, and I will give you the crown of life. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes will not be hurt by the second death.'*

God is FAITHFUL.

2 Timothy 2:11-13

*It is a **trustworthy** statement: For if we died with Him, we will also live with Him; If we endure, we will also reign with Him; If we deny Him, He also will deny us; If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself.*

1. God is FAITHFUL to _____ to the end!

1 Corinthians 1:4-9

- 4 *I thank my God always concerning you **for the grace of God which was given you** in Christ Jesus,*
5 *that **in everything** you were **enriched in Him, in all speech and all knowledge,***
6 *even as the testimony concerning Christ was confirmed in you,*
7 *so that **you are not lacking in any gift,** awaiting eagerly the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ,*
8 *who will also **confirm you to the end,** blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.*
9 *God is **faithful,** through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

*Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you **entirely;** and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved **complete, without blame** at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.*

2. God is FAITHFUL to deliver us from _____.

1 Corinthians 10:12-14

*Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall. No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is **faithful**, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it. Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.*

Never feel like you are a helpless victim to sin. God will NEVER fail to help you!

3. God is FAITHFUL to _____ our sin.

1 John 1:8-10

*If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is **faithful** and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us.*

4. God is FAITHFUL to _____ to us.

Hebrews 10:23

*Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is **faithful**.*

Jesus Christ is our example of FAITHFULNESS.

1. Christ was FAITHFUL as God's _____.

Hebrews 2:17

Hebrews 3:1-7

*Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest of our confession; He was **faithful** to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also was in all His house.... Now Moses was **faithful** in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken later; but Christ was **faithful** as a Son over His house—whose house we are, if we hold fast our confidence and the boast of our hope firm until the end. Therefore, just as the Holy Spirit says, "TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE,..." LISTEN!*

2. Christ is the FAITHFUL _____.

Revelations 1:4-6

*John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, and from Jesus Christ, the **faithful** witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood—and He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father—to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

Applications

1. Faithfulness is Costly.
2. Faithfulness requires endurance.
3. Faithfulness is Upholding God's Words.

Example: Titus 2:3-5

"so that the Word of God will not be dishonored"

Are we FAITHFUL in our service to God? Can He entrust us with responsibility?

Are we FAITHFUL in our ministry to our family members? Parents, siblings, husbands, children.

Are we FAITHFUL to each other as members of the Body of Christ?

Are we FAITHFUL to our world of unbelieving peoples to ALWAYS testify to the Truth of God's Word?

Bible Examples of FAITHFULNESS.

Timothy - 1 Corinthians 4:17

Gaius - 3 John 1:3-6

Tychicus - Ephesians 6:21-22

Onesimus - Colossians 4:9

Paul - 1 Timothy 1:12-14

Lydia - Acts 16:13-15

Epaphras - Colossian 1:2, 7-8

Silvanus - 1 Peter 5:12

Antipas - Revelation 2:10-13

Daniel - Daniel 6:3-4

Jospeh - Genesis 39

*But we all, with unveiled face,
beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord,
are being transformed into the same image
from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.
~2 Corinthians 3:18*