

The Truth Files

Faithfulness in a World of Broken Promises

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"The Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!"

Galatians 5:22-23 ^{NLT}

Luke 18:8 ^(NLT) – "When the Son of Man returns, how many will he find on the earth who have faith?"

The importance of faithfulness

1. God is looking for _____.

2 Chronicles 16:9 ^(NLT) – "The eyes of the LORD search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him."

2. Faithful people are _____.

Proverbs 20:6 ^(GNT) – "Everyone talks about how loyal and faithful he is, but just try to find someone who really is!"

Psalms 12:1 ^(NLT) – "Help, O LORD, for the godly are fast disappearing! The faithful have vanished from the earth!"

3. Faithfulness is the key to _____.

1 John 5:4 ^(NLT) – "For every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our faith."

Proverbs 28:20 ^(NIV) – "A faithful person will be richly blessed."

Growing Faithfulness

1. God uses _____ to test for _____.

Luke 16:10 ^(NLT) – "If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities."

Luke 16:12 ^(NLT) – "And if you are not faithful with other people's things, why should you be trusted with things of your own?"

2. God uses _____ to test for _____.

1 Peter 4:10 ^(NIRV) – "Each of you has received a gift in order to serve others. You should use it faithfully."

1 Corinthians 4:2 ^(NKJV) – "It is required in stewards that one be found faithful."

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3. God uses _____ to test for _____.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 ^(NLT) "This is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever."

Galatians 6:9 ^(TLB) – "Let us not get tired of doing what is right, for after a while we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't get discouraged and give up."

4. God uses _____ to test for _____.

2 Corinthians 8:1-4 ^(CEV) – "My friends, we want you to know that the churches in Macedonia have shown others how kind God is. Although they were going through hard times and were very poor, they were glad to give generously. They gave as much as they could afford and even more, simply because they wanted to. They even asked and begged us to let them have the joy of giving their money for God's people."

Luke 16:9-13 ^(GNT) – "And so I tell you: make friends for yourselves with worldly wealth, so that when it gives out, you will be welcomed in the eternal home... If then, you have not been faithful in handling worldly wealth, how can you be trusted with true wealth?... You cannot serve both God and money."

Proverbs 11:24-25 ^(NLT) "Give freely and become more wealthy; be stingy and lose everything. The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed."

Proverbs 3:9-10 ^(NLT) "Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce. Then he will fill your barns with grain, and your vats will overflow with good wine."

Malachi 3:10 ^(NLT) "Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies, "I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in!"

5. Faithful people _____.

Matthew 9:2 ^(NLT) "Some people brought to Jesus a paralyzed man on a mat. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, "Be encouraged, my child! Your sins are forgiven." ^{v 6-7} Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said, "Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!" And the man jumped up and went home!

6. Faithful people _____.

2 Timothy 2:2 ^(NKJV) "Take the things you heard me say in front of many other witnesses and pass them on to faithful people who are also capable of teaching others."

Luke 22:31-32 ^(TLB) "Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to have you, to sift you like wheat, but I have pleaded in prayer for you that your faith should not completely fail. So when you have repented and turned to me again, strengthen and build up the faith of your brothers."

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