

## ARE YOU A FAITHFUL SERVANT OF JESUS CHRIST? Pt. 3

- Verses on “serving the Lord”:

### A. IMPORTANT OBSERVATIONS about FAITHFULNESS.

1. While God alone is described as \_\_\_\_\_ faithful, occasionally men and women are described as \_\_\_\_\_ faithful. God desires, notes, and esteems \_\_\_\_\_ men and women, though they are in the \_\_\_\_\_. (Prov. 20:6; Prov. 31:10ff; Ezek. 22:30; Mic. 7:2)
2. Faithfulness is an issue of God’s \_\_\_\_\_ and personal \_\_\_\_\_, not perfection. (Prov. 20:7a)
3. Faithful believers are a \_\_\_\_\_ to their \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. (Prov. 20:7b)
4. Faithfulness & spiritual integrity involve such qualities as:
  - a) Loving the \_\_\_\_\_ more than the \_\_\_\_\_ of men, including unbelievers, believers, and even family. (Psalm 31:23-24; John 12:42-43; Gal. 1:10; Luke 14:26)
  - b) Handling \_\_\_\_\_ responsibly. (Numb. 13:13; Prov. 28:20; 1 Tim. 3:3, 6:10-12)
  - c) Not speaking \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ words due to deceitful \_\_\_\_\_. (Ps. 12:1-4; Prov. 14:5)
  - d) Not \_\_\_\_\_ others & revealing \_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_ matters that need not be revealed. (Prov. 11:13)
  - e) Operating from biblical \_\_\_\_\_, not your HVP & feelings. (Ps. 78:5-8; John 8:30-32)
  - f) In \_\_\_\_\_ even your friends out of love vs. \_\_\_\_\_. (Prov. 27:6)
  - g) In \_\_\_\_\_ from others to become wise and faithful. (Ps. 141:5-7)
  - h) In carrying out and conveying a \_\_\_\_\_ accurately to others. (Prov. 25:13; 1 Tim. 6:20-21; 2 Tim. 2:1-2, 15-21)
  - i) In \_\_\_\_\_ when you are wrong and getting it \_\_\_\_\_ before God & others, as well as \_\_\_\_\_ one another. (Prov. 28:13; Luke 17:3-4; Eph. 4:30-32)

5. Faithfulness manifests itself in seeking to do God's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Him, and it can be motivated by the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_. (Neh. 7:2; 2 Cor. 5:9-10, 14-15)
6. Faithfulness is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit working in your life, not sheer human will-power, in making the believer more and more like Jesus Christ (Gal. 5:22-23; Rom. 7)
7. Faithfulness unto death in doing God's will, especially in persecution, will result in a reward from Jesus Christ called \_\_\_\_\_. (Rev. 2:10)

#### B. IMPERATIVE IMPLICATIONS about FAITHFULNESS.

1. Realize that being faithful to the Lord begins \_\_\_\_\_ with the \_\_\_\_\_ which God has given you. But you must be selective in what you are devoted to with godly, eternal priorities. (Ecc. 9:10; Col. 3:23; 1 Cor. 10:31)
2. Recognize that God measures success by \_\_\_\_\_ to Him & His Word, not in degrees, numbers, popularity, bank accounts, etc. (1 Cor. 4:1-2)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord by faith and be enabled by the Holy Spirit to be faithful to God's will and Word, not relying on your own wisdom & strength. (Heb. 11:6; John 15:4-5)
4. Remember God's promise that "If we are \_\_\_\_\_, He remains \_\_\_\_\_; He cannot deny Himself. (2 Tim. 2:13)
  - 1 Corinthians 4:1-5