

## ARE YOU A FAITHFUL SERVANT OF JESUS CHRIST? Pt. 1

- Matthew 25:21, 23 Will you hear one day, “Well \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ servant. You were \_\_\_\_\_ over a \_\_\_\_\_ things, I will make you \_\_\_\_\_ over many things. Enter into the \_\_\_\_\_ of your \_\_\_\_\_.”?
- Before you can be a faithful servant of Jesus Christ in time and potentially receive a reward from the Lord in the future at the Judgment Seat of Christ, what first must occur in your life?

### A. IMPORTANT OBSERVATIONS about FAITHFULNESS.

#### 1. While God alone is described as \_\_\_\_\_ faithful, occasionally men and women are described as \_\_\_\_\_ faithful.

- Who is described as “faithful” in the Old and New Testaments? (This is not an exhaustive list.)
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_. (Numbers 12:6-7) This is a very high commendation & honor by God.
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Sam. 2:34-35) This shows us that God does replace unfaithful men.
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Sam. 22:14) This involved personal loyalty & submission to Saul.
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_. (Numb. 7:2) who was in charge of security.
  - e. \_\_\_\_\_. (Dan. 6:4) They could not find fault in his character or responsibilities.
  - f. \_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 16:15) who appealed to her faithfulness to invite Paul to stay.
  - g. \_\_\_\_\_. (Rom. 16:1-2) who was a faithful servant to Paul & others.
  - h. \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Cor. 4:17) who Paul viewed as a “faithful son” in the faith.
  - i. \_\_\_\_\_. (Col. 1:17) who was a faithful pastor and prayer warrior.
  - j. \_\_\_\_\_. (Col. 4:7) who was a faithful servant of Jesus Christ.
  - k. \_\_\_\_\_. (Col. 4:9) was described as a faithful and beloved brother.
  - l. \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Tim. 1:12) who Jesus Christ counted faithful & put him in ministry.
  - m. \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Pet. 5:12) was considered faithful to bring them the book of 1 Peter.
  - n. \_\_\_\_\_. (Rev. 2:13) was martyred due to his faithfulness to Jesus Christ.
  - o. \_\_\_\_\_. (Heb. 2:17; Rev. 19:11) who is our merciful and faithful High Priest, who is coming again in the future to judge, make war, and set up His Kingdom on Earth.
  - p. \_\_\_\_\_. (Lam. 3:22-23; 1 Cor. 10:13)
- **What can we learn from this? God desires, notes, and esteems \_\_\_\_\_ men and women, though they are in the \_\_\_\_\_.** (Prov. 20:6; Prov. 31:10ff; Ezek. 22:30; Micah 7:2)  
Is faithfulness needed and important in our day?

#### 2. Faithfulness is an issue of God’s \_\_\_\_\_ and personal \_\_\_\_\_, not perfection.

(Prov. 20:7a) Grace refers to God’s unmerited favor and undeserved kindness, while Integrity is the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles; the state of being whole and undivided; faithful to your beliefs and convictions.

- 1 Timothy 1:12-16; 2 Cor. 1:12
- 1 Timothy 1:5, 19-20; 3:9, 11, 4:2
- Hebrews 9:14, 13:17-18; 1 Peter 3:16

3. Faithful believers are a \_\_\_\_\_ to their \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. (Prov. 20:7b) Do you recognize that? Where does this apply in life?
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.
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)