

ARE YOU A FAITHFUL SERVANT OF JESUS CHRIST? Pt. 2

- Living the Christian life by God's grace through faith in Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit:

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) 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.
3. Faithful believers are a _____ to their _____ and _____. (Prov. 20:7b) Do you recognize that? Where does this apply in life?
 - 2 Corinthians 1:12; Hebrews 13:17-18
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)