

Gospel Living Requires Holy Spirit Living.

Galatians 5:22–23

Faithfulness part three

**Introduction:** Review of God’s greatness and goodness.

**Hebrews 11:1** Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. **6** And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

**Psalms 91:** He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High Will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. **2** I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress, My God, in whom I trust!” **Ephesians 3:20** Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us,

**Acts of vertical faithfulness.**

*Fear of God.* Psalm 33:6–12

**Ecclesiastes 12:13** The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person.

*Trust in God’s word.*

**Titus 1:2** in the hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised long ages ago, **Proverbs 30:5** Every word of God is tested (true and Accurate); He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him.

**Psalms 119:89** Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven.

**John 17:17** “Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.

**Psalms 139:17** How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

*Commune with God in Prayer* Psalm 3,4, 5:1–3

*Honor God with your Giving.* 1 Chronicles 29:9

**Acts of horizontal faithfulness.**

*Faithful speak the truth.*

**Exodus 20:16** “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

**Proverbs 13:5** A righteous man hates falsehood, But a wicked man acts disgustingly and shamefully.

**Zechariah 8:17** ‘Also let none of you devise evil in your heart against another, and do not love perjury (willingly lying when you have promised to tell the truth); for all these are what I hate,’ declares the LORD.”

**Psalms 15**

**John 8:44** “You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

**Revelation 21:8** “But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”

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***Faithful in interpersonal relationships***

Faithfully carry out your responsibility within your marriages. Eph.5:22–33

Faithfully carry out your responsibility as children. Eph.6:1–3

Faithfully carry out your responsibility as parents Eph.6:4; Col.3:21

**Colossians 3:** Fathers, do not exasperate your children, so that they will not lose heart.

Faithfully carry out your responsibility in the work place. Ephesians 6:5–9

Faithfully carry out your responsibility in the neighborhood.

**Matthew 22:39** And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Faithfully carry out your responsibility in the church. Romans 12:4–8

**Hebrews 10:23–25**

**Six reminders to help cultivate faithfulness.**

1. Remember the incompressible nature of God’s ways.

**Isaiah 55:8** “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,” declares the LORD. **9** “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways And My thoughts than your thoughts.

**Romans 11:33** Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!

2. Remember God does not serve you, It is He who has made us and not we ourselves.

**Romans 11:34** For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, OR WHO BECAME HIS COUNSELOR? **35** Or WHO HAS FIRST GIVEN TO HIM THAT IT MIGHT BE PAID BACK TO HIM AGAIN?

3. Remember God operates according to a different time table.

**2 Peter 3:8** But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day.

4. Remember suffering is part of the abundant life.

**John 16:33** “These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.”

**1 Peter 2:20** ... For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer for it you patiently endure it, this finds favor with God. **21** For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps,

**John 17:3** “This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

**1 Peter 4:19** Therefore, those also who suffer according to the will of God shall entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right.

5. Remember God is more concerned about what you become than what you accomplish.

**Romans 8:28–29**

6. Remember you are the Father’s love gift to the Son.

**John 17:9** “I ask on their behalf; I do not ask on behalf of the world, but of those whom You have given Me; for they are Yours;