

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)