

# The Fruit Of The Spirit

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Faithfulness

# What Is Faithfulness?

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- The quality of being faithful; fidelity
  - Strict or thorough in the performance of duty
  - True to one's word, promises, or vows
  - Steady in allegiance or affection
  - Adhering or true to fact

# Do We Need Faithfulness?

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- Jesus condemns the scribes and Pharisees for not having any faith     Matt 23:23-24
- Paul uses stewards as an example     1 Cor 4:1-2
- The example of Moses     Num 12:1-9
- The example of Jesus and Moses     Heb 3:1-6

# Different Types Of Faithfulness

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- Being a thorough Christian
- Being a steady Christian
- Adhering to the truth

# Being A Thorough Christian

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- What is this type of faithfulness?
  - Using what you have Matt 25:14-30
  - Serving at your best Heb 11:1-7
- Examples:
  - Jesus John 19:16-30
  - Paul 2 Tim 4:6-8
- Contrast:
  - Saul 1 Sam 15:10-23

# Being A Steady Christian

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- What is this type of faithfulness?
  - Being faithful til the end    Rev 2:8-10
  - Remaining faithful through trials    Jam 1:2-4
  - Being trustworthy and reliable    Luke 16:10-12
- Examples:
  - God    1 Cor 10:12-13
- Contrast:
  - The church at Thyatira    Rev 2:18-25

# Adhering To The Truth

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- What is this type of faithfulness?
  - Believing the gospel Acts 15:7-11
  - Making sure we aren't disqualified 2 Tim 3:1-9
  - Following earthly examples 2 Tim 3:10-11
- Examples:
  - Abraham Heb 11:17-19
  - Peter John 6:66-69
- Contrast:
  - The Jews Rom 3:1-4