

Faithfulness

Old Faithful

- Semper fidelis
- 1 Co.4² it is required in stewards that one be found faithful
- Bernie Madoff

God is faithful

2 Tim.2¹³ if we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself

I. What is Faithfulness?

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Dependable

Can be counted on to do the job right

- **Con-fidence**
 - Confidant (trusted friend)
 - Confide (trust). 'Take me into your confidence'
 - 1 Tim.1:12

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- Con-fidence
- Re-liability
 - Bound to in trust and confidence [religion]

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- Fide·lity
 - Faithful devotion to duty, obligations
 - 1 Sm.2:....35
 - Fidelity Federal

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- Fide·lity
- Commit·ment
 - To send together. Pledge, bind. Rv.2:10, 13

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- Fide·lity
- Commit·ment
- Trust·worthiness / Depend·ability
 - Gn.39:6...
 - Car ... oven ... phone...

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II. How To Identify Faithfulness?

Luke – a manual on faithfulness

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“Don’t waste your time waiting and longing for large opportunities which may never come. But faithfully handle the little things that are always claiming your attention”

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 - Lk.16:11, faithless in greed; not entrusted with gospel. Judas
 - Lk.16:12, unfaithful

**One talent man offered
regrets, not results**

Philippians 2:19-22

- 20: like-minded
- 21: unselfish
- 22: proven servant
 - Ac.16:1
 - 1 Co.4:17
 - 1 Co.16:10-11
 - 1 Th.3:2
 - 2 Tim.1:6-8, 15

Willing to suffer for
Lord (ct. 2 Tim.4:10)

Doubt his faithfulness?
(Hb.13:23)

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III. Kinds Of Faithfulness

1. Marital

Mal.2¹⁶ For the LORD God of Israel says That He hates divorce, For it covers one's garment with violence, Says the LORD of hosts. Therefore take heed to your spirit, That you do not deal treacherously

Dt.24

Moderns manipulate text to fit preconceptions...

2. Parental

2 Tim.2:4...love their husbands and children

Greece / Rome exposed inconvenient children –
sold to slave traders, or killed them

3. Brotherly

Prov.27⁶ Faithful are the wounds of a friend, But the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.

Ps.51⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. ⁸ Make me hear joy and gladness, That the bones You have broken may rejoice. ⁹ Hide Your face from my sins, And blot out all my iniquities.

4. Spiritual

Rv.2:10, three parts –

1. Confident faithfulness.
2. Courageous faithfulness. 1 K.22:13-14
3. Continual faithfulness. Lv.6¹² And the fire on the altar shall be kept burning on it; it shall not be put out. And the priest shall burn wood on it every morning, and lay the burnt offering in order on it; and he shall burn on it the fat of the peace offerings. ¹³ A fire shall always be burning on the altar; it shall never go out.

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**IV. Indicators of Spiritual
Faithfulness**

1. Belief? Hb.3:5-6. Cliffhanger
2. Growth? Hb.5:12-14; 6:1. Gn.12
3. Imitation? Hb.6:12. Ezk.5:7-8
4. Attendance? Hb.10:19-25
 - Faith, 22
 - Hope, 23
 - Love, 24
5. Life? Hb.10:32-39

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35: confidence. Not in self (19) but God.

36: endurance. 12:1

37: patience. 2 Co.4:17

38: persistence. Hab.2:4 . . . 3:17-18

39: perseverance. Mt.24⁴⁴ Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. ⁵⁰ the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him and at an hour that he is not aware of...