

Faithfulness

Meaning of Faithful: Loyal, Constant, True, Steadfast, devoted, true-blue, truehearted, staunch, dedicated, committed

Our God is FAITHFUL

Deuteronomy 7:9 "Know therefore that the LORD your God, He is God, **the faithful God**, who keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments;

1st Corinthians 1:9 **God is faithful**, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

2nd Timothy 2:13 If we are faithless, **He remains faithful**; for He cannot deny Himself.

What does this mean that God is faithful?

God will do what he says, he promised. God has told us what he is going to do thru his Word, the Bible. God has written an instruction manual for us.

Ezekiel 17:24 I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will perform it.

God has spoken and his Words were written, and are written in the Bible.

Hebrews 6:18it is impossible for God to lie...

God's Words are faithful

Psalm 119:86 All Thy commandments are faithful.....

Revelation 21:5 And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." And He *said, "Write, for these words are faithful and true."

1st Kings 8:56 (Solomon King of Israel) Blessed be the LORD, who has given rest to His people Israel, according to all that He promised; **not one word has failed of all His good promises**, which He promised through Moses His servant. (470 years difference)

2nd Timothy 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

Since God is faithful, and the Bible is his Book, a Book of Instruction, what should we be doing with it: Reading, studying and living the Word.

Since God is faithful, he will require us to do the things he has asked us to do, which are written in the Bible. I can tell you through years of living as a Christian, the scriptures are wonderful not burdensome, a joy to obey.

Other Communications from God, other than the Bible can also be faithful: visions, dreams, prophecy, but they need to be reviewed and judged. Difference between these and the written Word, as the written Word is already judged and accepted. (Joni-journaling).

Mark 16:18 they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover. Why not? God's other scriptures: your body is the temple.

God requires Faithfulness from us.

Deuteronomy 10:12 And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require from you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all

His ways and love Him, and to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

1st Samuel 2:35 But I will raise up for Myself a faithful priest who will do according to what is in My heart and in My soul; and I will build him an enduring house, and he will walk before My anointed always.

God has a work for you. If you are not faithful, he will find somebody else.

Psalm 101:6 (David) My eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me; He who walks in a blameless way is the one who will minister to me.

Numbers 12:7 "Not so, with My servant Moses, He is faithful in all My household; (God on speaking face to face with Moses)

Psalm 119:30 I have chosen the faithful way; I have placed Thine ordinances before me.

Blessings of Faithfulness (Too many to list here)

Psalm 31:23 O love the LORD, all you His godly ones! The LORD **preserves** the faithful...

Proverbs 28:20 A faithful man will **abound** with blessings...

Matthew 25:21 "His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave; you were faithful with a few things, **I will put you in charge of many things, enter into the joy of your master.**'

1st Corinthians 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, that **you may be able to endure it.**

1st Timothy 1:12 I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because He considered me faithful, **putting me into service;**

2nd Thessalonians 3:3 But the Lord is faithful, and He will **strengthen and protect** you from the evil one.

Deuteronomy 15:4 However, there shall be no poor among you, since the LORD will surely bless you in the land which the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess. (not everyone believes this).

Deuteronomy 7:13 And He will love you and bless you and multiply you; He will also bless the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground, your grain and your new wine and your oil, the increase of your herd and the young of your flock, in the land which He swore to your forefathers to give you.

Remaining faithful to the end! (Some fall away- how sad!)

2nd Timothy 4:7 (Apostle Paul) I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith;

Hebrews 3:6 but Christ was faithful as a Son over His house whose house we are, if we hold fast our confidence and the boast of our hope firm until the end.

Hebrews 10:23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful;

What did God promise if we are Faithful?

Eternal life, blessings here on earth, an abundant life. Peace, Glory and Honor.

Examples of Faithfulness:

Jesus - Philippians 2:8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

You have to humble yourself to be faithful. Many times my flesh does not want to be faithful.

Moses: Hebrews 3:5 Now Moses was faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken later;

Requirement of faithfulness: Servant, humble

Daniel: Daniel 6:4 Then the commissioners and satraps began trying to find a ground of accusation against Daniel in regard to government affairs; but they could find no ground of accusation or evidence of corruption, inasmuch as he was faithful, and no negligence or corruption was to be found in him.

Unnamed Lad: John 6:9 "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are these for so many people?"

Faithful in sharing, giving.

How does faithfulness apply for us?

- 1. The Scriptures: Reading, studying, apply to our lives?**
- 2. Church: attendance, service, leadership, giving? (come with offering)**
- 3. With others – sanctification, witness, blessings (Neighbor)**
- 4. Any other areas?**

Are you willing to humble yourself, submit yourself and be faithful?

Matthew 25:21 "His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave...'

Are you willing to be faithful?