

Faithfulness To The Lord

Matthew 25:14-30

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The parable of the talents:

Two described as “*good and faithful servants.*”

One that is described as “*wicked and slothful servant.*”

Faithfulness Necessary

- Thomas charged, “*Be not faithless but believing*” John 20:27
- Jesus taught, “*He that is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much ...*” Luke 16:10-13

Examples

- Lydia, “*If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord.*” Acts 16:15
- Inspired men as ministers of Christ were required to “*be found faithful.*” 1 Corinthians 4:2
- Ephesian letter addressed “*to the saints and the faithful in Christ Jesus.*” Ephesians 1:1

Examples

- Tychicus, “*the beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord.*” Ephesians 6:21
- Silvanus, “*Our faithful brother...*” 1 Peter 5:12
- Epaphras, “*our beloved fellow-servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf.*” Colossians 1:7
- Timothy to teach, “*faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.*” 2 Timothy 2:2

Examples

- Paul counted “*faithful*” of the Lord. 1 Timothy 1:12

Faithful Statements

1 Timothy 1:15 "Faithful is the saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief."

1 Timothy 3:1 "Faithful is the saying, If a man seeketh the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work."

Faithful Statements

2 Timothy 2:11 "Faithful is the saying: For if we died with him, we shall also live with him."

Titus 3:8 "Faithful is the saying, and concerning these things I desire that thou affirm confidently, to the end that they who have believed God may be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men."

Jesus

... "Faithful and true" witness.
Revelation 1:5; 19:11

God

1 Corinthians 10:13 "There hath no temptation taken you but such as man can bear: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation make also the way of escape, that ye may be able to endure it."

1 Thessalonians 5:24 "Faithful is he that calleth you, who will also do it."

2 Thessalonians 3:3 "But the Lord is faithful, who shall establish you and guard you from the evil one."

Hebrews 10:23 "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope that it waver not; for he is faithful that promised."

What Is Faithfulness?

- (pistos) "Occurs 67 times in the NT ... The majority of occurrences thus follow the meaning ... faithful in the sense of dependable." (Exegetical Dictionary of the New Testament: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company)
- (pistos) "worthy of trust; that can, be relied on" (Thayer)
- Matthew 25:14-30

What Is Faithfulness?

- Our English word "loyal" expresses the idea. Faithfulness is steadfastness in "affection or allegiance; firm in adherence to promises or in observance of duty." (Webster)
- A Fruit of the Spirit. Galatians 5:22-25

Things Which Cause Unfaithfulness. Luke 8:11-14

- Wayside soil Verse 12 (Ignorance)
- Rocky soil. Verse 13 (No depth)
- Thorny soil. Verse 14 (Cares of the world)

Things Which Cause Faithfulness

- Attitude toward the Lord. John 14:21, 24
– King of Kings. 1 Timothy 6:15
– Died for us. Matthew 20:28; 1 John 4:9
- Attitude toward the word of the Lord. Psalms 119:2, 33, 47, 48, 111, 162, 165
- Taking heed. Hebrews 2:1-3; Luke 17:3; Acts 20:28; 1 Timothy 4:16; 2 Corinthians 13:5

Things Which Cause Faithfulness

- Steadfastness. 1 Corinthians 15:58
- Patience. cf. Hebrews 10:32-39
- Activity. Hebrews 12:12-13

Faithfulness

- Describes a servant who is dependable.
- Describes the loyalty and unmovable fidelity of Jesus.
- Describes the unwavering confidence you can have in God, “*who cannot lie, promised*” Titus 1:2

Conclusion:

- Does this word “*faithfulness*,” accurately describe the confidence that God and His Son can have in you?

***“Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee the crown of life.”
Revelation 2:10***