

Being Faithful in an *Un*Faithful World! Why Be Faithful? July 19th, 2009

Many will say they are loyal friends,
but who can find one who is truly reliable? Proverbs 20:6

Top 5 Reasons to develop faithfulness in your life...

1. **To follow God's example**

1 Corinthians 1:9 God will do this, for he is faithful to do what he says, and he has invited you into partnership with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Corinthians 10:13 The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure.

1 John 1:9 But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

Psalms 33:4 For the word of the LORD holds true, and we can trust everything he does.

2. **It guarantees God's blessings on my life**

Proverbs 28:20 The trustworthy person will get a rich reward, but a person who wants quick riches will get into trouble.

Proverbs 25:19 Putting confidence in an unreliable person in times of trouble is like chewing with a broken tooth or walking on a lame foot.

3. **It's a qualification for ministry**

1 Timothy 1:12 I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength to do his work. He considered me trustworthy and appointed me to serve him,

1 Corinthians 4:17 That's why I have sent Timothy, my beloved and faithful child in the Lord. He will remind you of how I follow Christ Jesus, just as I teach in all the churches wherever I go.

2 Timothy 2:2 You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many faithful witnesses. Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others.

4. **It prepares me for leadership roles**

Nehemiah 7:2 I gave the responsibility of governing Jerusalem to my brother Hanani, along with Hananiah, the commander of the fortress, for he was a faithful man who feared God more than most.

Leviticus 10:3 Then Moses said to Aaron, "This is what the LORD meant when he said, 'I will display my holiness through those who come near me. I will display my glory before all the people.'"

5. **It will be rewarded in heaven**

Matthew 25:21 "The master was full of praise. 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate

together!

What Has God Given Me?

1 Corinthians 4:2 Now, a person who is put in charge as a manager must be faithful.

Next week...

**Characteristics of Faithfulness:
God's Final Exam**