

Being Faithful in an *Un*Faithful World!

CHARACTERistics of a FAITHFUL Person

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Matthew 25:14-30

Verse 28...Then he ordered, 'Take the money from this servant, and give it to the one with the ten bags of silver.'

A Faithful person...

...has Right Values

Proverbs 28:20 A faithful man shall abound with blessings, but he who makes haste to be rich [at any cost] shall not go unpunished. (Amp)

Luke 16:13 No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

...Cares for the interests of others, not just his/her own.

Philippians 2:20-22 I have no one else like Timothy, who genuinely cares about your welfare. All the others care only for themselves and not for what matters to Jesus Christ. But you know how Timothy has proved himself. Like a son with his father, he has served with me in preaching the Good News.

...Lives a life of integrity before an unbelieving world.

Daniel 6:4 Then the other administrators and high officers began searching for some fault in the way Daniel was handling government affairs, but they couldn't find anything to criticize or condemn. He was faithful, always responsible, and completely trustworthy.

...Keeps his/her word.

Proverbs 25:14 A person who promises a gift but doesn't give it is like clouds and wind that bring no rain.

Psalms 15:4-5 Whoever... does what he promises, no matter how much it may cost... will always be secure.

...Develops and use his/her spiritual gifts.

1 Peter 4:10 Each should use whatever spiritual gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.

...Manages his/her money well.

Luke 16:11 If you haven't been faithful in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?

1 Corinthians 16:2 On the first day of each week, you should each put aside a portion of the money you have earned.

...Obeys God's Commands.

John 14:15 If you love me, you will obey what I command.

...Passes on to others what he or she learns.

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

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

How to be Faithful?

Galatians 5:22

The fruit of the Spirit is...faithfulness.