

Faithfulness

I. God is Faithful

- A. God is faithful in character, not by compulsion (Deut.7:7-9/ 2 Tim.2:13/ Tit.1:2)
- B. Faithfulness is the basis of faith (Heb.10:23; 11:11)
- C. We count on Him (1 John 1:9/ 1 Thess.5:24/ 1 Peter 4:19)

II. Be imitators of God

- A. It is a fruit of the Spirit (Gal.5:22)
- B. This is what pleases God (Matt.24:45-47; 25:21, 23 / Luke 19:17)
- C. This glorifies God in the sight of men (Matt.5:16)
- D. This is easy on the conscience (2 Cor.1:12/ 1 Pet.3:16)

III. The rarity of faithful men and women (Ps.12:1/ Prov.20:6; 31:11; 25:13/ Hos.6:4)

IV. The mandate of faithfulness

- A. Success is not required, but faithfulness is (1 Cor.4:2)
- B. Faithfulness unto death is the calling (Rev.2:10)
- C. Faithfulness in the small things is the proof (Luke 16:10-12; 19:17)
- D. Those accompanying Christ are call, chosen, faithful (Rev.17:14)

V. The display of faithfulness

- A. Loyalty (Prov.17:17; 18:24; 27:6; 11:13)
- B. Honesty (Prov.14:5)
- C. Performing duties (Prov. 25:13, 19; Matt.25:21, 23; Luke 12:42)
- D. Keeping promises (Psalm 15:1-4/ Prov.31:10-12)