Faithfulness

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INTRODUCTION

- Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children.
- The challenge is to be like God, and to be like Jesus.
- Faithfulness means that God is trustworthy and reliable. When God gives his word in a matter, that's the way it's going to be, and it's never going to be any other way.

1 What Exactly the Word Faithful Means

Galatians 5:22; Ephesians 6:21

- The word faithful means fidelity. That it means the character of one who can be relied on. It means trustworthiness.
- He's the kind of person you can count on, depend on. We might say he's a man of his word.
- It is use of persons who show themselves faithful in the transaction of business, in the execution of commands, in the discharge of official duties.
- In all my relationships, I need to allow this characteristic of faithfulness to permeate every aspect of my life.

2 Faithfulness Changes the Way I Serve God

Matthew 25:14–30; 1 Peter 4:10

- Well done. Good and faithful slave. You were faithful with few things, I will put you in charge of many things.
- As each one has received a special gift. Employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.
- When it comes to serving God, faithful people can never be benchwarmers.
- Faithful people are always there when there's a job to be done. And it really doesn't matter what the job is.
- Faithful people always work eagerly and willingly.
- They do their work well and timely.

3 Faithfulness Changes My Relationship With My Fellow Man

Daniel 6:1–4; Colossians 3:22–24

- But they could find no ground of accusation or evidence of corruption. Inasmuch as he was faithful.
- We need to be faithful, trustworthy, reliable employees. Your boss ought to have no better worker on the job than a Christian.
- When we promise our friends that we're going to do something, we need to keep our word about that.

- We need to be faithful in fulfilling our responsibilities at home. Husbands and wives need to be faithful to each other.
- When we promise our kids things, we ought to follow through and do it.
- We need to be faithful in terms of winning the lost in the execution of that duty that Jesus laid on the shoulders of those who are his disciples.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **I hope we said some things tonight, brethren, that'll cause all of us to think more seriously about that in our lives and to be more faithful.**

MY NOTES