
HOW TO HAVE A FAITHFUL LIFE

Proverbs 20:6

INTRODUCTION

One of the great attributes of a Christian life is faithfulness. We know it is important because the word "faithful" occurs over 75 times in Scripture! One compelling reason for God's people to strive for faithfulness, is because "God is faithful" (Deuteronomy 7:9; I Corinthians 1:9), and we are to emulate Him (Ephesians 5:1).

I. WHAT DOES THE WORD "FAITHFUL" MEAN?

- A. "Adhering _____ and devotedly, as to a person, a _____, or an idea; loyal." *--American Heritage Dictionary*
- B. Biblically, as we have already noted, _____ is faithful – Psalm 36:5; II Thessalonians 3:3
1. What does that _____?
 - a. God's faithfulness speaks of His _____ reliability and _____ constancy:
 - 1.) In keeping His _____ – I Kings 8:56; Hebrews 6:13; 10:23
 - 2.) In remaining _____ in His ethical nature and _____ standards – Exodus 15:11; Titus 1:2; Hebrews 6:17,18; James 1:17
 - b. God's faithfulness also speaks of His loyal _____ toward His _____ – Jeremiah 31:3; Romans 8:35-39; Galatians 2:20
 2. How does that _____ us?
 - a. God's faithfulness means we are secure in our _____ – John 6:37; 10:27-30
 - b. God's faithfulness means we are secure in His _____ – Psalm 32:5; I John 1:8,9
 - c. God's faithfulness means we are secure in our _____ in His _____ – Psalm 119:89; Isaiah 40:8; I Peter 1:23
- C. God's faithfulness serves as an _____ for us as His children:
1. _____ was faithful – Numbers 12:7; Hebrews 3:5
 2. _____ was faithful – I Samuel 22:14

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3. _____ was faithful – Daniel 6:4
4. _____ was faithful – I Corinthians 4:17
5. _____ was faithful – Galatians 3:9
6. The _____ at Colosse were faithful – Colossians 1:1,2
7. _____ was faithful – I Peter 5:12

II. WHAT DOES GOD SAY ABOUT A FAITHFUL LIFE?

- A. A faithful life will abound with _____ – Proverbs 28:20; Matthew 25:21,23; Ephesians 1:1-3
- B. A faithful life is built on _____ – Isaiah 25:1; II Corinthians 4:1,2; Revelation 22:6
- C. A faithful life _____ others – Proverbs 25:13
- D. A faithful life involves _____ for the _____ – II Timothy 2:1,2; Titus 1:6-9
- E. A faithful life is _____ – Proverbs 14:5

III. WHAT STEPS CAN WE TAKE TO PURSUE AND PRACTICE A FAITHFUL LIFE?

- A. The attribute of faithfulness is _____ of all Christians, as _____ of Jesus Christ – I Corinthians 4:1,2.
 1. A steward is a _____, entrusted with and responsible for his Master's possessions!
 2. The Greek word for "steward" refers to a _____. One who functioned as an "_____" referring to the lowest, most menial, and most despised galley slave, who rowed on the _____ tier of a ship!
- B. The attribute of faithfulness _____ involve the endurance of _____ as a "good" steward – I Peter 4:10-14; Revelation 2:10-13

"My legacy doesn't matter. It isn't important that I be remembered. It's important that when I stand before the Lord, he says, 'Well done, good and faithful servant.' I want to finish strong."

--Dr. James Dobson