

# The Blessing of Faithfulness

**Hebrews 10:38 (NKJV)** *Now the just shall live by faith; But if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him."*

**Hebrews 10:38 (AMP)** *But the just shall live by faith [My righteous servant shall live by his conviction respecting man's relationship to God and divine things, and holy fervor born of faith and conjoined with it]; and if he draws back and shrinks in fear, My soul has no delight or pleasure in him.*

**Faith: 4102 πίστις [pistis /pis-tis/]** 1 conviction of the truth of anything, belief; in the NT of a conviction or belief respecting man's relationship to God and divine things, generally with the included idea of trust and holy fervour born of faith and joined with it; the belief with the predominate idea of trust (or confidence) whether in God or in Christ, springing from faith in the same. 2 **fidelity, faithfulness; the character of one who can be relied on.**

**One main cause for people not reaching their full potential in Christ is due to faithfulness!**

## I. A lack of faithfulness

**Hebrews 10:26-27 (NKJV)** *For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.*

**Hebrews 6:4-6 (NKJV)** *For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.*

**The Holy Spirit is the salvation agent here if you reject the Holy Spirit who leads us to repentance how will we be saved?**

**Hebrews 10:28-29 (NKJV)** *Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?*

**Jude 4 (NKJV)** *For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**Lewdness: 766 ἀσελγεία [aselgeia /as-ēlg-i-a/]** 1. unbridled lust, excess, licentiousness, lasciviousness, wantonness, outrageousness, shamelessness, insolence.

**Romans 6:1-2 (NKJV)** *What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?*

**Hebrews 10:31 (NKJV)** *It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.*

## II. We are talking about disobedience.

**2 Peter 2:20-22 (NLT)** *And when people escape from the wickedness of the world by knowing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and then get tangled up and enslaved by sin again, they are worse off than before. **It would be better if they had never known the way to righteousness than to know it and then reject the command they were given to live a holy life.** They prove the truth of this proverb: "A dog returns to its vomit." And another says, "A washed pig returns to the mud."*

**\*Ephesians 5:5-7 (NKJV)** *Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.*

**1 Corinthians 4:2 (NKJV)** *Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.*

**\*\*Matthew 25:26 (NKJV)** *"But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed.*

## III. Faithfulness is a fruit of the Spirit!

**Galatians 5:16 (NKJV)** *I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.*

**Galatians 5:22-23 (NKJV)** *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. ... **5:25** *If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.**

**Romans 8:3-4 (NKJV)** *For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, **that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.***

**Romans 8:14 (NKJV)** *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.*

#### IV. The reward for faithfulness

**Hebrews 10:35-36 (NKJV)** Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise:

**Endurance: 5281 ὑπομονή** [*hupomone* /hoop-om-on-ay/] **1** steadfastness, constancy, endurance. 1A, the characteristic of a man who is not swerved from his **deliberate purpose and his loyalty to faith and piety** by even the greatest trials and sufferings.

**The great deception is that fulfilling the lust flesh brings more joy than faithfulness to God and His Word!**

\*\* **Romans 14:17 (NKJV)** for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

**Godly Joy is the reward for Faithfulness!**

**John 15:10-11 (NKJV)** If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.

**In this statement, Jesus makes Joy a result of Faithfulness!**

**Hebrews 12:2 (NKJV)** looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

**Hebrews 10:35-36 (NKJV)** Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise:

**Joy equals strength!**

**Nehemiah 8:10 (NKJV)** Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. Do not sorrow, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

**Acts 8:6-8 (NKJV)** And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed. **And there was great joy in that city.**

**1 Corinthians 15:57 (NKJV)** But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Ephesians 2:4-6 (NKJV)** But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

**Because of this Joy and Power and Strength is why the chapter end like this...**

**Hebrews 10:38-39 (NKJV)** Now the just shall live by faith; But if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him." But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul.