

FAITHFUL TO THE MISSION

REWARDS OF FAITHFULNESS

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So, let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up. (Galatians 6:9, NLT)

Oxford Definition of Faithfulness: staying with or supporting a particular person, organization, the quality of being faithful or belief.

Synonyms: loyal, fidelity, constant, devotion.

Biblical definition: true, devoted, staunch, steadfast, loyal. Implies qualities of stability, dependability, and devotion. Long-continued and steadfast fidelity to whatever one is bound to by a pledge, duty, or obligation.

Who Should We Be Faithful To?

1. _____ and _____.

The eyes of the Lord search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him... (2 chronicles 16:9, NLT)

When we are faithful, we enter into a covenant with God. (Genesis 17:1-4)

Paul encouraging his spiritual son Timothy to continue winning souls. (2 Timothy 2:2-2)

2. _____.

Give honour to marriage, and remain faithful to one another in marriage. God will surely judge people who are immoral and those who commit adultery. (Hebrews 13:4, NLT)

3. _____. (Galatians 6:9-10)

Why Should We Be Faithful?

a. God is faithful, it's _____ (so we too should be faithful).

The Lord passed in front of Moses, calling out, "Yahweh! The Lord! The God of compassion and mercy! I am slow to anger and filled with unfailing love and faithfulness. (Exodus 34:6, NLT)

He is the Rock; his deeds are perfect. Everything he does is just and fair. He is a faithful God who does no wrong; how just and upright he is! (Deuteronomy 32:4, NLT)

If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful, for he cannot deny who he is. (2 Timothy 2:13, NLT)

2 Thessalonians 3:3, Psalm 145:13, Joel 2:23, Zechariah 8:8, 1 Corinthians 1:9, 1 Thessalonians 5:24, Revelation 19:11.

b. _____ was faithful.

For he was faithful to God, who appointed him, just as Moses served faithfully when he was entrusted with God's entire house. (Hebrews 3:2, NLT)

Hebrews 2:17

We thank Jesus for his faithfulness without which he wouldn't have gone to the cross to die in our place.

c. It is required of us.

We were created to be faithful to God but it's a choice.

Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place. (Psalm 51:6, NIV)

Leviticus 22:31; Revelation 2:10

d. _____ has consequences. God wants our hearts and when we are not faithful to him, he turns his face from us, but he is a loving God who always rescues his people. (Nehemiah 1:8, Psalm 78)

How Do We Become Faithful?

We need to be:

a. Faithful in _____.

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. (Romans 12:12 NIV)

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. (Acts 2:42, NIV)

b. In _____. Not just to mark the register. (Hebrews 10:25, Matthew 18:20)

c. In Serving. Christianity is not _____. We need to serve in God's house to build His Kingdom. Every team within church does its part. Are you doing yours? (See Cory or one of leaders if you would like to volunteer in one of the departments).

Rewards of Faithfulness

a. Blessings. (Proverbs 28:20, Matthew 25:21, 1 Samuel 23)

b. Protection. (Exodus 15:26, Deuteronomy 4:3-5, 1 Samuel, Psalm 97:10, Proverbs 2:8, 2 Thessalonians 3:3)

c. _____. (Genesis 32:10)

d. Prosperity. (Genesis 39:2, 2 Chronicles 31:20, Isaiah 38:1-5)

e. _____. (Deuteronomy 7:9)

f. Favour (God always with you). (Genesis 39:20)

g. Provision.

h. _____. (Revelation 17:14)

Let us not be like the "Green House Christian" who only blooms in a protected environment. As long as they have no wind, rain or storm they're faithful to God; but when the elements are against them, they're weak and find themselves in situations where they lose their faithfulness to God because things aren't perfect.

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a Harvest if we do not give up. (Galatians 6:9, NIV)

If we remain faithful to God and his house then there can only be blessings for us.