



FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH
FAIR OAKS RANCH

Day 13: Faithful in Little

Luke 16:10 *One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. (ESV)*

DEVOTIONAL

We tend to save our best for the big moments; the major decision, the public act of obedience when the world is watching, or the crisis where that truly challenges what I believe. Jesus, however, locates the true measure of faithfulness in another place entirely: in the very little, obscure, 'non-important' moments of every day. In the small, hidden, unremarkable choices that no one will ever applaud or even be aware of, and that we're tempted to think don't really count.

The word "faithful" is the Greek *pistos*, meaning trustworthy, reliable, the kind of person you can depend on when your back is turned. Jesus makes a startling claim about character: it does not compartmentalize. The way we handle the little things is the way we handle the big things, because it's the same heart and same faith doing both. The man who shaves the truth in a small matter will shave it in a large one. The woman faithful in the tiny, unseen duties of life and motherhood will prove faithful when much is entrusted to her. There is no such thing as being holy in public and careless in private; the private is simply where the truth about us actually lives.

This is deeply relevant to purity, because purity is almost entirely a matter of "very little", small choices made in private. What you click when no one's looking. What you think about in the private unguarded moments in your mind. The small act of charity or encouragement offered to someone who is less than kind to you. The resentment you refuse to feed. None of these will make the news, yet all of them are forming the person you are becoming. Warren Wiersbe said it directly: "God sees our hearts and knows whether we are really serious about obeying Him." The little things are precisely where that seriousness is proven, because the little things are where we stop performing for people and reveal what we actually are before God.

So don't despise or reject the small obediences. The quiet, faithful, unwitnessed choice to do right in a matter that seems too minor to matter, that is not a small thing at all. It is the very soil in which a holy life grows. Be faithful in the little, and you are becoming the kind of person God can trust with much.

TAKE AWAY

Character doesn't compartmentalize. How you handle the small, unseen thing is how you'll handle the large one. Guard the little obediences, that's where holiness is actually built.

PRAYER PROMPT

Ask God to make you faithful in the small, hidden choices today, knowing He sees and treasures them.