

Faithfulness

"Since the Lord's followers have fallen flesh it is not possible for them to be perfect as God is perfect – except in heart, in intention. But this good heart intention is not sufficient to prove us worthy of a share with Christ as his "elect" to the glories of his Kingdom. Our profession of pure heart and God-likeness must be tested. It must be demonstrated and developed to the point of fixity of character. It must stand tests of temptation. It must endure **faithfulness** under stress. Hence those accepted as disciples of Christ are required to be **faithful** under very trying circumstances." R 4558

Faithfulness is the continuous, daily exercise and proving of that faith through loyalty, self-sacrifice, obedience, and endurance under trial unto the end of life. While justification is granted as a reward of **faith**, final glorification and the "crown of life" are granted only as a reward for **faithfulness**.

1. Faithfulness & Stewardship

What does it mean to be a **faithful** steward (servant) whether small or larger in responsibilities & opportunities? Why important? Matt 25:14-30
Faithfulness in Little Things R5740

2. Faithfulness & Constancy

Should we strive to be **faithful** just for a moment or a season?
Psa 61:8 Luke 9:23 Acts 17:11 I Cor 15:31
The Importance of Daily Set Scrutiny R5519



3. Faithfulness - Patience Endurance, steadfastness

How are **faithfulness** and Patient Endurance (G5281) related? What is a result of that practice? Luke 8:15 Rom 5:3 James 1:3-4
Patient Endurance the Final Test R5650

4. Encouragement to Faithfulness

How does the eternal perspective encourage **faithfulness**?
I John 3:2 (Gen 12:1-3; Gal 3:29) 2 Cor 4:16-18
Treasures Laid up in Heaven R5862 Our Lord Jesus' Inspiring Promise R5913
How can we encourage each other to **faithfulness**?
Heb 10:24-25 I John 3:16 I Tim 4:12 I Cor 12 I Peter 1:22 Gal 6:2
Love to be Desired R4766 F308:1-F312