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Faithfulness

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Definitions

Faithful: steadfastness (firm stability) – firm in adherence / stick-to-it-ness – *observant to carry out following the course prescribed by the Lord – following the outline of that course to the end – showing progression to fulfillment.*

Traits Of The Faithful

Stewardship: individual's responsibility to manage his life, calling, gifting, revelation and prosper and increase them

Servant: one that serves another – one than performs and carries out duties

Slave: a person who holds in servitude – a bondsman – one who loses control over himself to another

Humility: state of being humble – lowering oneself – esteeming others higher

Our Example Of Humility – Phil. 2:3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in *lowliness* of mind let each *esteem others better* than themselves.

4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

7 But *made himself of no reputation*, and took upon him *the form of a servant*, and was made in the likeness of men:

8 And being found in fashion as a man, *he humbled himself*, and became *obedient* unto death, even the death of the cross.

9 Wherefore God also hath *highly exalted him*, and given him a name which is above every name:

Vocational Faithfulness & Stewardship

John 3:27 John answered and said, A man can receive nothing, *except it be given him from heaven.*

1Cor. 7:20 Let every man *abide in the same calling* wherein he was *called.*

1Co 12:27 Now ye are the body of Christ, and *members in particular.*

28 And *God hath set* some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

29 *Are all* apostles? *are all* prophets? *are all* teachers? *are all* workers of miracles?

30 *Have all* the gifts of healing? *do all* speak with tongues? *do all* interpret?

1Cor. 12:31 But *covet earnestly the best gifts..*

Being A Faithful Steward

Matt. 25:23 a *faithful* and *wise steward*/ household/ to give them meat in due season

Lk. 12:42 *faithful* and *wise steward*/ made ruler over/ to give their portion of meat in due season

Increase By Faithfulness

Matt. 25:21 *faithful servant/ faithful over a few things - make you ruler over many things*

Lk. 19:17 good servant/ faithful in a *very little/ have authority* over ten cities (promotion)

Principle Of Faithfulness

Lk. 16:10 faithful in that which is *least* is faithful also in *much*/unjust in the least is unjust also in much

Principle Of Trust

Lk. 16:12 *faithful in another man's/who will give you your own?*

Acts 16:15 if you have *judged me* to be *faithful* to the Lord

1Co 4:1 Let a man so *account of us*, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.

Carrying Out Responsibility – Faithfulness & Stewardship

II Tim.2:2 commit thou to *faithful men* who are *able* (test of faithfulness)

I Cor. 4:2 it is required in *stewards* that a man be *found faithful*

I Tim. 1:12 *counted me faithful*, putting me into the ministry (spiritual graduation)

Acts 13:2 separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work (called out by the Holy Spirit – recognized by the local presbytery)

2 Tim. 4:5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, *make full proof of thy ministry*.

Capacity Of Faithfulness

Heb. 3:2 Who was faithful to Him that appointed him, as also Moses was faithful in ALL his house.

Heb. 3:5 And Moses was faithful in ALL his house, as a servant

Good Stewards Investing The Talents

Matt. 25:14-29 Wise stewards take inventory and invest.

Ambition Vs. Humility, Faithfulness & Wise Stewardship

Matt. 20:25-28 There is a cost for being the greatest in the Kingdom of God. We have to pay the price for promotion from God

Heb. 11:26 *Esteeming the reproach of Christ* greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of *the reward*.

27 By faith he *forsook Egypt*, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible. (it cost Moses something)

Matt. 23:11-12 *greatest* among you shall be your servant/exaltation vs. abasement

James 4:6b *God resisteth the proud*, but giveth *grace unto the humble*.

I Pet. 5:3 Neither as being *lord over* the God's heritage, but *being examples*

John 13:14 If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to *wash one another's feet*.

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Discussion Prayer Time:

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