

Faithfulness: The Ticket To Happiness
Matthew 25:14-30 November 14, 2021

“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.” Gal 5:22

Faithfulness Is Characterized By _____
Proverbs 25:14

Faithfulness Is Developed Through _____
Proverbs 17:17

Faithfulness Is Witnessed In _____
1 Peter 4:10

Faithfulness Is Multiplied By _____
Ephesians 5:15-16

Faithfulness Is Rewarded In _____
Luke 16:10-13

"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'" Matthew 25:23

Next Steps For Next Week:

Faithfulness is a fruit of the Holy Spirit that is produced in the lives of Christians as we “walk by the Spirit.” This week’s readings help us understand the different areas where faithfulness is expressed in and through our lives.

Monday: Read Proverbs 20:6 & Proverbs 25:14 &19

Are you known as a faithful person? Why or why not? Are you known for doing what you say you will do? How can you change a bad reputation or improve on your good reputation?

Tuesday: Read Proverbs 17:17

Are you a faithful friend... in good times and in hard times? Have you spent time building into the lives of others? Who are the people that have built into your life?

Wednesday: Read 1 Peter 4:10

What gifts, strengths or abilities has God given to you? Are you using it to help fulfill God’s Kingdom priorities? Are you using it to serve others? Why or why not?

Thursday: Read 1 Corinthians 12 & Romans 12:1-10

Both of these passages offer lists of various spiritual gifts (these lists are not exhaustive by the way). If you didn’t answer the questions about your spiritual gift(s) on Wednesday, give it some more thought today. How are you using your gift(s) to serve others?

Friday: Read Ephesians 5:15-20

How does “being filled with the Spirit” relate to your management of time? What are some things you can do to help you “understand what the Lord’s will is” in relationship to managing your time?

Saturday: Read Luke 16:10-13 & Mark 12:41-44

Wise investment of resources doesn’t have anything to do with the “quantity” invested. It has everything to do with being faithful with what we have. Are you being faithful? Why or why not?

Sunday: Read Matthew 25:14-30

Everybody wants to be “happy.” People pursue happiness in a wide variety of ways... some good & helpful... others bad & harmful. Why did the person who had received 1 bag of gold hide his in the ground (25:24-25)? According to this parable, what does Jesus ask us to do if we desire to share in God’s happiness?