

FAITH (OR FAITHFULNESS)

(Foundation Scriptures)

1. "But the fruit of the Spirit is faith (faithfulness)." (Galatians 5:22)
2. "Most men will proclaim everyone his own goodness, but a faithful man who can find?" (Proverbs 20:6)
3. "Well done thou good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things; I will make you ruler over many things." (Matthew 25:21)
4. "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." (Luke 16:10)
5. "Moreover, it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." (I Corinthians 4:2)

WWHAT IS FAITHFULNESS?

The word faith in Galatians 5:22 comes from the Greek word (PISTOS) meaning:

- ◆ Loyal
- ◆ Trustworthy
- ◆ Faithful
- ◆ Dependable
- ◆ One you can place confidence in.
- ◆ One you can place assurance in.
- ◆ One who is reliable in the discharge of duties.

SOME BIBLICAL EXAMPLES OF FAITHFULNESS

1. Moses – "My servant Moses who is faithful in all mine house." (Numbers 12:7)
2. Hananiah – "For he was a faithful man and feared God above many." (Nehemiah 7:2)
3. Church Builders – "And the men did the work faithfully." (II Chron. 34:12)
4. Abraham – "So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham." (Gal 3:9)
5. Daniel – "Then the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom, but they could find none occasion nor fault, forasmuch as he was faithful." (Daniel 6:4)
6. Epaphras – "Just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf." (Colossians 1:7)
7. Timothy – "For this cause have I sent unto you Timothy, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord." I Corinthians 4:17)
8. Onesimus – "A faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you." (Colossians 4:9)
9. The Word – "All thy commandments are faithful" (Psalm 119:86)
"Thy testimonies that you have commanded are righteous and very faithful."
(Psalm 119:38)

(The Hebrew word for faithful here (EMUNAH) MEANS: secure, firm, stable, steady and true.

10. Christ Jesus – “Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.” (Hebrews 2:17)

GOD IS FAITHFUL!!!

1. “Know therefore that the Lord thy God, he is god, the faithful God, which keeps covenant and mercy with them that love him and keeps his commandments to a thousand generations.” (Deuteronomy 7:9)
2. “Thy mercy O Lord, is in the heavens, and thy faithfulness reaches unto the clouds.” (Psalm 36:5)
3. “Nevertheless, my loving kindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail.” (Psalm 89:33)
4. “Thy faithfulness is unto all generations.” (Psalm 119:90)
5. “God is faithful; by whom we were called unto the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord.” (I Corinthians 1:9)
6. “God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that you are able, but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that you may be able to bear it.” (I Corinthians 10:13)
7. If we believe not, yet he abides faithful, he cannot deny himself.” (II Tim. 2:13)
8. “Faithful is he that calls you, who also will do it.” (I Thessalonians 5:24)
9. “Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering, for He is faithful that promised.” (Hebrews 10:23)

AND MY FAVORITE:

“It is of the Lord’s mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning, Great Is Thy Faithfulness.” (Lamentations 3:22, 23)

YOU AND I

Can God say this? “I can depend on _____?
(your name)

BY GOD’S GRACE, YOU CAN BE FIATHFUL TO:

1. YOUR LORD
 - ◆ In prayer, which is for our benefit. (Matthew 6:6)
 - ◆ In the Word, which is for our benefit. (Psalm 119:105)

- ◆ In giving, which is for our benefit. (Malachi 3:8-11)
- ◆ In obedience, which is for our benefit. (I John 5:3)
- ◆ In our convictions, which is for our benefit. (Matthew 6:33)

2. YOUR FAMILY

- ◆ Can your wife depend on you? (Ephesians 5:25)
- ◆ Can your husband depend on you? (Proverbs 31:10-12)
- ◆ Can your children depend on you? (Proverbs 22:6)
- ◆ Can your parents depend on you? (Ephesians 6:1,2)

3. YOUR CHURCH

- ◆ Are you steadfastly committed to its vision to win the lost? (Mark 16:15)
- ◆ Are you dependable to squash all gossip and slander about another? (Psalm 133)
- ◆ Are you faithful to pray for your pastors and their families? (I Thess. 5:12,13)
- ◆ Are you teachable and open to advice and correction? (Proverbs 19:20)
- ◆ Are you respectful of every member and gift God has placed in His church? (I Cor. 12:18)

4. YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

- ◆ Are you reliable to be at work on time? (Proverbs 6:6-11)
- ◆ Can your employer trust you for an honest day's work? (Ecclesiastes 9:10)
- ◆ Do you pay your bills on time? (Proverbs 3:28)
- ◆ Have you borrowed something and not returned it? (Psalm 37:21)

5. YOUR MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

- ◆ Are you willing to be inconvenienced when needs arise? (Luke 10:37)
- ◆ Are you willing to serve in God's kingdom somewhere? (I Peter 4:10)
- ◆ Do you want to be a giver or a taker of Christian service? (Matthew 23:11)
- ◆ Can you lay aside your rights when it could cause a weaker brother to stumble? (Romans 14:21)

BLESSINGS AND REWARDS OF FAITHFULNESS

1. Psalm 31:23 "Love the LORD, all you his saints, for the LORD preserves the faithful."
2. Psalm 101:6 "Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me."
3. Proverbs 13:17 "A wicked messenger falls into mischief, but a faithful ambassador is health."
4. Proverbs 28:20 "A faithful man shall abound with blessings."
5. Revelation 2:10 "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give you a crown of life."

"O GOD, MAKE US MEN AND WOMEN WHO CAN BE DESCRIBED AS TRUSTWORTHY,
RELIABLE, DEPENDABLE AND FAITHFUL."

AMEN!