

FAITHFULNESS

Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, FAITHFULNESS ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Faithfulness = Fidelity or trustworthiness. Faithfulness is love hanging on.

I. SOURCE OF FAITHFULNESS--GOD IS FAITHFUL

Psalms 100:5 For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

1 Corinthians 1:9 God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

II. BE FAITHFUL IN _____

Genesis 39:6 So Potiphar left everything he had in Joseph's care; with Joseph in charge, he did not concern himself with anything except the food he ate.

1 Corinthians 15:58 Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

III. BE FAITHFUL IN THE FACE OF _____

Joseph and Potifer's wife. She tempted him repeatedly.

Genesis 39:6b-10 . . .

Now Joseph was well-built and handsome, ⁷ and after a while his master's wife took notice of Joseph and said, "Come to bed with me!" ⁸ But he refused. "With me in charge," he told her, "my master does not concern himself with anything in the house; everything he owns he has entrusted to my care. ⁹ No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?" ¹⁰ And though she spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to go to bed with her or even be with her.

1 John 2:15-16 Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father^[a] is not in them. ¹⁶ For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world.

1 Corinthians 10:13 No temptation^[a] has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted^[b] beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted,^[c] he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

IV. BE FAITHFUL TO _____

Revelation 2:10 Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor's crown

V. BE FAITHFUL IN _____

VI. WE ARE TO BE FAITHFUL WITH _____

Matthew 19:29 And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife^[a] or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life.

Matthew 25:21 "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!'

FAITHFULNESS—the Christian life is not a sprint but a marathon!

If you die before Christ returns your life will be summed up in one sentence.

I'm aiming for and encourage you to aim for "Well done good and FAITHFUL servant."