

Faithful

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Are you a faithful Christian?

“Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life” Jesus said to the saints in Smyrna (Rev. 2:10). The brethren there were enduring tribulation and poverty. Some would be imprisoned and some would be put to death.

Be faithful -- even if it causes your death! Is your faith that strong?

“**Faithful**” means “*trustworthy, reliable, dependable.*” Faithful Christians say in their lives: “You can count on me!”, “I’ll be there when the doors are opened.”, “Give me a job and I will do it.” Sadly there is a *phrase* both in religion and in secular life which tells us that truly faithful people are hard to come by: “**faithful few.**”

“**Faithful**” appears in 49 New Testament verses. It is the “*good and faithful servant*” (Matt. 25:21, 23) who inherits eternal life.

He who is faithful in *a little* will then be faithful *in much* (Lk. 16:10-12). True riches are given to those who were faithful in temporal things. The faithful must learn to be dependable in that which belongs to another before they receive their own.

God is faithful (1 Cor. 1:9; 10:13; 1 Thess. 5:24; 2 Thess. 3:3). Stewards are faithful (1 Cor. 4:2). The brethren in Ephesus were faithful (Eph. 1:1). The wives of elders and deacons must be “*faithful in all things*” (1 Tim. 3:11).

Jesus came to this earth and lived the life of a man that He might become to us a “*merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God*” (Heb. 2:17). You can count on Him, 24/7. Can Jesus count on you, 24/7?

You and I are called to **fight** the good fight of Faith, to **finish** the Christian race, and to **keep** the Faith in our hearts (see Eph. 6; 2 Tim. 4:7). It takes a *faithful person* to do those things.

Our English dictionary defines “*faithful*” as “*loyal, constant, and steadfast.*” Synonyms are “*true, devoted, unswerving, staunch, steadfast, dedicated, committed.*” Does that describe you?

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