

## To The Faithful

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Words fail us as we seek to commend the faithful and praise those who can be depended upon at all times. If the congregation meets four times, or a dozen times during the week, we know you will be present, regardless of the weather or what company you may have. You are always with us no matter what distractions or attractions the world might offer. When you are absent, everyone knows that you are too sick to come, or you you have been called out of town on important matters.

Everyone can see that you truly love the Lord and your brethren, and that you had rather assemble with the saints to worship the Lord than to be anywhere else in the whole wide world. Your faithfulness is all the more appreciated because you don't feel you have made any great sacrifice or performed any deed of valor and do not consider that you are due any credit for such steadfastness and loyalty.

Whenever a good work is undertaken, no one even wonders what your attitude will be, or whether you can be counted on to see it to a conclusion. Your soundness is never even questioned. Everyone knows that you will do the right thing at all times. And therefore a lot of us watch you for a lead as to what we ought to do. It was the people like you the Lord had in mind when He said, *"They shall walk with me in white for they are worthy"* (Revelation 3:4).

**Editor's Note:** *The Oxford English Dictionary* defines **"faithful"** as **"1: full of faith; believing, pious."** Also **"2: loyal, constant, steadfast; true to one's word or beliefs."** And finally, **"3: Thorough in performing one's duty; conscientious."** When you apply these definitions to a Christian, a member of the local church, you see that his conduct and attendance are based upon his strong faith in God's Word. He is loyal, constant, and steadfast because his beliefs are strong. He will be conscientious in his duties to the Lord and the local church because he believes with all his heart that the Lord and His church are of the greatest importance. *"Oh, love the LORD, all you His saints! For the LORD preserves the faithful, And fully repays the proud person."* Psalm 31:23. At the Judgment Day, God will bless the "good and faithful servant," Matthew 25:21.

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