

Faithful Servants

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Jesus repeatedly spoke of *“faithful servants”* in His lessons while living on earth. The adjective *“faithful”* (**pistos**) means *“reliable, trustworthy, steady.”* Those in any local church who are truly *“faithful,”* have often been described as the *“few.”* This is sad because everyone can choose to be faithful — trustworthy, dependable, reliable.

Jesus observed *“He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much”* (Lk. 16:10). Faithfulness, then, is a matter of character. Whether the thing is *“little”* or *“large”* doesn't matter. The faithful person always does what is right.

Some church members may be considered to be in good standing with the church, but in reality are not in good standing with the Lord! *“Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?”* (Lk. 16:11). The way we discharge our duties and responsibilities in this life, and especially in relation to things spiritual, has an eternal effect on us.

When Lydia obeyed the gospel in Acts 16, she begged Paul and his company to come stay with her, using these words: *“If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay”* (Acts 16:15). Lydia was an industrious, productive worker in life, and she took her faithfulness to the Lord seriously. It amazes me how some new converts *“jump right in”* and begin to make a great impact for the Lord.

Timothy was Paul's beloved and faithful son in the Lord (1 Cor. 4:17). Paul could trust him to do exactly as he would do if he were present.

Dear Christian, are you truly faithful? Can the Lord and His church count on you to be present, to be fruitful, and to be regular? Think on these things.

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