



Real Church: Faithfulness

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*"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, **faithfulness**, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law." Gal. 5:22-23*

Faithfulness: trustworthy, reliable, loyal, true, constant.

*"Therefore, it is necessary to choose one of the men **who have been with us the whole time** the Lord Jesus was living among us, beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of His resurrection." So, they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias...Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so, he was added to the eleven apostles." Acts 1:21-26*

A Faithful Person is Someone Who...

1. Makes a commitment and sticks to it.

"Where you go, I will go, and where you stay, I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die, I will die..." Ruth 1:16-17

2. Doesn't quit even when times get hard.

"From this time many of His disciples turned back and no longer followed Him. "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jn. 6:66-67

3. Fulfills responsibilities.

"Well done, good and faithful servant!" Matt. 25:21, 23

4. Is loyal in your hard times.

"Do all that you have in mind," his armor-bearer said. "Go ahead; I am with you heart and soul." 1 Sam 14:7

5. Is willing to forgive.

"Go show your love to your wife again, though she is...an adulteress." Hos. 3:1

The Rewards of Faithfulness

1. You will have favor and a good name with God and men.

"Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man." Prov. 3:3-4

2. You will be kept safe and secure.

"Love and faithfulness keep a king safe; through love his throne is made secure." Prov. 20:28

3. You will be blessed with greater supply.

"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!'" Matt. 25:21, 23

"Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; He is the faithful God, keeping His covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love Him and keep His commands." Deut. 7:9