

FAITHFULNESS

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The faithful make up the group that will be saved. The exhortation is to be faithful unto death. Don't cease to be faithful even in the face of the most difficult circumstances. Paul urged Timothy to commit the gospel to faithful men who will teach. It is not enough to teach the truth, but it must be taught by faithful teachers.

Faithfulness is doing what you are supposed to do. In Matthew 24:45 the question is asked, "Who then is a faithful and wise servant?" The answer is given in the same verse, it is the servant whom the Lord has given a task or responsibility, and he does it. In this case it is one who is responsible for watching over a household, and he has the meals ready when the time comes.

Our plea today should be for more faithfulness. Whatever our task or assignment, we should consider it important and do all in our power to do it well. Far too often, we feel that if something else comes up we are at liberty to drop or neglect our assignment. Faithfulness does its job under all circumstances. If you are absolutely unable to complete your job, then you should use your talent to get someone else to do the job, or report back to the one who gave you the job and place the responsibility back in his hands. A man on watch in the army cannot leave his post until he has been properly relieved. He is not responsible for just a few hours, he is responsible until he has fully discharged the responsibility. When Christians learn this all important lesson about their work in the church, then will the church begin to get its work done well.

Every Christian should be willing to do anything and everything that he can. He then should take that job or jobs very seriously and give it all he has. Petty excuses should never be given, and reasons for failure to do the job should be reported just as soon as they are known, thus giving someone else an opportunity to get the job done.

Faithfulness to the Lord is our greatest responsibility. If we are to be faithful, we will be in our place on time to study, worship, and give our best support to the local congregation. We will keep our lives pure and clean by using the Lord's blood as He has directed. We will, no doubt at times spot our soul, but faithful Christians will not allow them to remain that way. "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" (Rev. 2:10).~