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TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

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Faithfulness as the fruit of the spirit.

Text: 2 Thessalonians 1:11 (NLT)

Greek word translated to Faithfulness is πίστις (pistis) is evidence of the Holy Spirit's work in our lives. Faithfulness is a character trait that combines dependability and trust based on our confidence in God and His eternal faithfulness.

In the New Testament, faith is the belief in God and the conviction that Jesus is the Messiah through whom we obtain eternal salvation.

2 Thessalonians 1:11 "Therefore we also pray always for you that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of His goodness and the work of faith with power,"

What is the true meaning of faithfulness?

Faithfulness is steadfast in affection or allegiance i.e. loyal. a faithful friend. : firm in adherence to promises or in observance of duty :a faithful employee.

Biblical Faithfulness:

Faithfulness comes from a place of trust and loyalty.

Hebrews 11:1 says "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." As a Christian, it is important to be faithful to God. It is one thing to simply believe in Him, but is another to be faithful to Him.

How do you explain God's faithfulness?

The faithfulness of God is demonstrated by sacrificing His one and only Son, Jesus Christ, for those who come to Him.

Even we don't value ourselves — He still values each and every living soul as worthy of being redeemed and set free from the power of sin.

Faithfulness is an unfailing loyalty that is repeatedly demonstrated.

When you study what does the Bible say about faithfulness, you will become aware of how faithful God has been and continues to be.

Faithfulness is based on trust and requires a deep abiding love.

Understanding God's faithfulness helps our trust in Him grow and leads to a sense of confidence and a willingness to share His love with others.

But God is always faithful and worthy of our faithfulness to Him.

We can place our trust and loyalty in Him and He never disappoints.



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On the contrary, God helps us feel secure in His love and in our identity so we can be faithful to others.

When we stand on our new confidence in Him, our love for others is not based on their unblemished faithfulness.

The Bible say "Even when we are not faithful to God, He continues to show faithfulness to us, but when we trust God, grow closer to Him, and are faithful, we experience a new transformed way of living.

"The fundamental fact of existence is that this trust in God, this faith, is the firm foundation under everything that makes life worth living.

The Importance of Faithfulness

Many of us probably think of faithfulness as it relates to marriage and other relationships.

A good relationship requires faithfulness. Our friends, family, children, and spouse teach us the importance of faithfulness.

But sometimes we experience fractured faithfulness because of our behavior or the choices of others.

True faithfulness is unfailing loyalty to someone regardless of the circumstances.

Human connection is an extremely fulfilling part of life, but our relationships are where we experience the pain associated with fractured faithfulness.

We make mistakes and let each other down, but God demonstrates the importance of faithfulness by loving us despite what we have done.

The ultimate proof of His faithfulness was sending Jesus as a sacrifice for each of us while we were still sinners.

God is always faithful to us and waits for us to trust and love Him.

Romans 5:8 GNT

"But God has shown us how much he loves us—it was while we were still sinners that Christ died for us!"

What are the Benefits of Faithfulness to God?


There are many benefits of faithfulness to God.

Our faithfulness to God can change our life and brought hope where there is no hope, growth where there is stagnancy, and love where there was hatred.



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Our ability to demonstrate faithfulness is based on our faith in God.

Faithful living is not easy because it comes with tests, trials, and times of drought.

But the greatest benefit of faithfulness to God is, it leads to a new identity, an understanding of our gifts, and a meaningful deep relationship with Jesus.

Philip Yancey said "Somehow faith was what God valued and it soon became clear that faith was the best way for humans to express a love for God."

The wonderful old hymn "Great is thy Faithfulness" sums up what are the benefits of faithfulness to God:

"Great is Thy faithfulness

Morning by morning new mercies I see, All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me"

We anticipate new mercies based on God's faithfulness to us.

Not all circumstances we face are good but God's faithfulness is always good.

The Holy Spirit guides and surrounds us with peace regardless of what we have done or what we are going through.

Knowing God is faithful gives us the courage to press on and try new things.

What are the Characteristics of Faithfulness?

Here are five characteristics of faithfulness that reflect who God is; loyal, trustworthy, steadfast in love, patient, and committed. When we begin to embrace these characteristics of faithfulness, we learn to be faithful to God, ourselves, and others because Jesus is consistently faithful to us.

Loyalty is a Characteristic of Faithfulness

Jesus was loyal to His call, His people, and His mission of saving humanity.


Even when He called out to God in His suffering, He never wavered in His loyalty to you and me.

"If you love someone, you will be loyal to him no matter what the cost. You will always believe in him, always expect the best of him, and always stand your ground in defending him."



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1 Corinthians 13:7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Trustworthiness is a Characteristic of Faithfulness

Jesus is trustworthy. He did exactly what He said He would do before, during, and after His life and death.

If you struggle or forced to trusting God, it will be difficult to be faithful to Him and understand His faithfulness to you.

Mark 8:31 TLB “Then Jesus began to tell them about the terrible things he would suffer, and that he would be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the other Jewish leaders—and be killed, and that he would rise again three days afterwards.”

Steadfast Love is a Characteristic of Faithfulness

How many people in your life show you steadfast love; firmly fixed and immovable? It's great to reflect on who values you this much and how this type of constant love affects you.

Steadfast love is extremely powerful, and human love is just a fraction of the steadfast love Christ has for you.

Proverbs 3:3-4 MSG “Don't lose your grip on Love and Loyalty. Tie them around your neck; carve their initials on your heart. Earn a reputation for living well in God's eyes and the eyes of the people.”

Patience is a Characteristic of Faithfulness

Faithfulness requires patience and acceptance. Sometimes our lack of patience gets in the way of faithfulness and leads to discouragement.

But it helps to remember that God is very patient with us.

Romans 12:12 AMP “Be constantly rejoicing in hope [because of our confidence in Christ], steadfast and patient in distress, devoted to prayer [continually seeking wisdom, guidance, and strength]”



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Commitment is a Characteristic of Faithfulness

God's faithfulness requires commitment.

Sometimes our human faithfulness is only when it is convenient.

Luke 22:41 And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and prayed,

Luke 22:42 says, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done."

Jesus is faithful to us and our salvation and died for each of us to live. He is the only person who is always loyal, trustworthy, steadfast in love, patient, and committed; guaranteed all the time despite our failures and doubt.

Examples of Faithfulness in the Bible

Let's take a look at 3 examples of faith in the Bible:

God was Faithful to Abraham

Abraham, the father of the Jewish people, was a faithful patriarch, who endured hardship along the way, but also made some bad decisions.

He did not always demonstrate faithfulness to God, but God always remained faithful to Abraham.

One of the great signs of God's faithfulness was the long-anticipated birth of Abraham's son Isaac to fulfill the promise and covenant God made with Abraham.

Genesis 21:2 NIV "Sarah became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the very time God had promised him."

God was Faithful to Isaac

Abraham's son Isaac is remembered as a righteous follower of God who served and loved faithfully. But Isaac had bouts of unfaithfulness, as we all do. He lied about his relationship with his wife Rebekah and there was that mess with his sons Jacob and Esau.

Although Isaac repeated some of the mistakes of his father Abraham, God proved faithful and confirmed the covenant he had made with Abraham. Isaac's life was full of examples of faith.

Genesis 26:2-5 NLT "The Lord appeared to Isaac and said, "Do not go down to Egypt; live in the land where I tell you to live. Stay in this land for a while, and I will be with you and will bless you."



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For to you and your descendants, I will give all these lands and will confirm the oath I swore to your father Abraham.

I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and will give them all these lands, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because Abraham obeyed me and did everything I required of him, keeping my commands, my decrees, and my instructions.”

God was Faithful to Jacob

Jacob is remembered as a hero who overcomes challenges, pain, and deception to ultimately remain faithful to God. After Jacob deceives his brother Esau to get the valuable birthright and blessing from his father Isaac, he flees. Although he is a fugitive, God in His faithfulness appears and speaks to Jacob giving him a blessing and a new name, Israel.

Jacob is an example of faith as he fulfilled an important role.

He is the father of twelve sons who became the leaders of the tribes of Israel including the tribe from which Jesus is linked; the tribe of Judah.

Genesis 28:15 NLT “I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.”

