



Biblical Faithfulness: Being reliable, steadfast, loyal, and devoted in what we believe and how we live towards God and others.

Being faithful is also about how we _____ what God has given to us.

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. Proverbs 3:3-4

● The task we've been given is to _____ in God's kingdom.

"Again, the Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of a man going on a long trip. He called together his servants and entrusted his money to them while he was gone. He gave five bags of silver to one, two bags of silver to another, and one bag of silver to the last—dividing it in proportion to their abilities. He then left on his trip. "The servant who received the five bags of silver began to invest the money and earned five more. The servant with two bags of silver also went to work and earned two more. But the servant who received the one bag of silver dug a hole in the ground and hid the master's money. "After a long time their master returned from his trip and called them to give an account of how they had used his money. The servant to whom he had entrusted the five bags of silver came forward with five more and said, 'Master, you gave me five bags of silver to invest, and I have earned five more.' "The master was full of praise. 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!' "The servant who had received the two bags of silver came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two bags of silver to invest, and I have earned two more.' "The master said, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!' "Then the servant with the one bag of silver came and said, 'Master, I knew you were a harsh man, harvesting crops you didn't plant and gathering crops you didn't cultivate. I was afraid I would lose your money, so I hid it in the earth. Look, here is your money back.' "But the master replied, 'You wicked and lazy servant! If you knew I harvested crops I didn't plant and gathered crops I didn't cultivate, why didn't you deposit my money in the bank? At least I could have gotten some interest on it.' "Then he ordered, 'Take the money from this servant, and give it to the one with the ten bags of silver. To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away. Now throw this useless servant into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' Matthew 25:21-30

This is a story about _____ in the kingdom while we're _____ for the King.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. John 14:3 (NIV)

Therefore go and make disciples in all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and then teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you; and be sure of this—that I am with you always, even to the end of the world." Matthew 28:19-20 (TLB)

● As servants of God, everything we have _____ God and _____ to God.

The world and all that is in it belongs to the Lord; the earth and all who live on it are his. Psalm 24:1

What do you have that God hasn't given you? And if everything you have is from God, why boast as though it were not a gift? 1 Corinthians 4:7 (NLT)

● I'm no longer an _____, I'm a _____.

Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful. 1 Corinthians 4:2

● What I've been _____ is not exclusively for _____.

● There is an expectation that I will _____ what I have been given.

● Investing your life is _____, but it's required.

● God wants us to do _____ with all He has given us.

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"Without faith it is impossible to please God." Hebrews 11:6

A faithful Servant:

● Take an inventory of what God has _____ to you.

● I will intentionally share God's _____.

Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7 (NIV)

● I will intentionally invest God's _____.

Matthew 25:35-40

● I will intentionally share the _____.

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TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain.
- How important is it to you to be faithful to God? How important is it to be faithful in your relationships? Is it important to you to be a faithful servant?
- Do you feel that you invest your life in the kingdom of God? Explain.
- Is there anything from the parable that stands out to you or surprises you?
- Do you try to live from the mindset that says: Everything I have comes from God and belongs to God? How does that mindset change how you manage the things you have?
- In your own words, what does it mean to be a steward? What does it mean to be a faithful steward?
- What is God's expectation of us in our investment?
- When you evaluate all that has been entrusted to you, how does that inspire a greater investment from you?
- Which is hardest for you to invest - Resources, Time or the Gospel? How are you going to risk it?
- Do you live to hear God say: "Well done, good and faithful servant"?

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