
Faith

- Fidelity

- the principle of faithfulness, loyalty, and strict adherence to a pledge, duty, or accurate representation.
- Faithful in our relationships
 - With Christ
 - Christ was faithful to God
 - Matthew 3:13 - 17
 - Jesus faithfully obeyed the will of the Father, even when it didn't appear necessary from a human standpoint. He didn't argue, delays, or rationalize. He simply obeyed.
 - Faithfulness begins with small obedience. Faithfulness isn't just in great acts of sacrifice; it's in simple submission to God's will, even when we may not fully understand it.
 - Matthew 3:16 - 17
 - Faithfulness led to affirmation. God's pleasure rests on those who walk in patient submission to His will.
 - We should be faithful to Christ/God
 - Our identity is in Christ
 - Galatians 2:20
 - Colossians 3:3
 - Romans 6:3-4
 - With one another
 - Husbands and Wives
 - Ephesians 5:22-25; 28-29
 - Parents and Children
 - Ephesians 6:1-4
 - Business Relationships

- Colossians 3:22-24
- Justice
 - the fundamental principle of moral rightness, equity, and fairness in how people are treated and how laws are applied
 - God is not respecter of persons
 - Acts 10:34-35
 - Romans 2:11
 - Neither should we be
 - Matthew 20:1-16
 - The householder treated everyone equally.
 - God will do the same with judgement
 - Ephesians 6:5-9
 - We should behave justly to our fellow man as we would want God to behave justly toward us.
- Honesty
 - the moral principle of truthfulness, integrity, and straightforwardness in speech, behavior, and character
 - In what we say
 - 1 Peter 4:11
 - Contrast that with “But God doesn’t say we can’t!”
 - Contrast that with “Join the church of your choice.”
 - Contrast that with “But we’re all headed for the same place, just by different paths.”
 - Jude 3
 - Many “earnestly contend” for their supposed freedom.
 - Here is the test... Matthew 21:25, “from heaven, or of men?”
 - In what we do

- Colossians 3:17
 - What can you do “in the name of Jesus” and have it be honored by God?
 - Can it be things that the Lord never taught?
- Deuteronomy 18:22
 - If it is claimed to be in the name of the Lord and it has not been spoken by the Lord, it is presumptuous.
 - Pray the “sinner’s prayer.”
 - “Send me your seed money.”
- 1 Corinthians 4:6
 - Don’t go beyond what it written.
 - In this case the KJV has the weakest translation of this passage saying “not to think of men above that which is written.” It does, however, give us a clue when it places “of men” in italics noting that these words were added by the translators and not in the original.
 - Starting with the ASV the standard translations have: “...that in us ye might learn not to go beyond the things which are written...” ESV, NIV, RSV, NRSV, NASB agree.
 - Deuteronomy 4:2
 - Proverbs 30:5-6
- Conclusion
 - Let us be like Job, who worshipped even while suffering.
 - Let us be like John the Baptist, who pointed to Jesus even when his own influence was fading.
 - Let us be like Jesus, who waited for the right hour, who answered temptation with Scripture, and who fulfilled all righteousness, not for His own sake, but for ours.
 - Remember: Faithfulness isn’t about recognition. It’s about reflecting Jesus.
 - Proverbs 3:5-6