

FINALLY-FAITHFULNESS

The Ninth Step To Happiness

Matthew 5:11-5:12

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.” Matthew 5:3-12 (NKJV)

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I need an attitude of FAITHFULNESS.

'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' Matthew 25:23 (NKJV)

1. Faithful Christians are faithful in their TRIALS.

“Dear friends, when the fiery ordeal arises among you to test you, don’t be surprised by it, as if something unusual were happening to you. Instead, as you share in the sufferings of the Messiah rejoice, so that you may also rejoice with great joy at the revelation of His glory. If you are ridiculed for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.” 1 Peter 4:12-14 (HCSB)

2. Faithful Christians are faithful in their TESTIMONY.

“Through thick and thin, keep your hearts at attention, in adoration before Christ, your Master. Be ready to speak up and tell anyone who asks why you’re living the way you are, and always with the utmost courtesy.” 1 Peter 3:15 (MSG)

“Whoever shall deny me before men, I also will deny him before my Father who is in the heavens.” Matthew 10:33 (YLT)

3. Faithful Christians are faithful with their TREASURE.

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:19-21 (NKJV)

"You can't worship two gods at once. Loving one god, you'll end up hating the other. Adoration of one feeds contempt for the other. You can't worship both God and Money." Matthew 6:24 (MSG)

God's people support God's WORK.

4. Faithful Christians are faithful with their TALENTS.

“To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.” 1 Corinthians 12:7 (ESV)

5. Faithful Christians are faithful with their TIME.

"The grass withers, the wildflowers fade, if God so much as puffs on them. Aren't these people just so much grass?" Isaiah 40:7 (MSG)

“Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is.” Mark 13:33 (NKJV)

“Having become human, he stayed human. It was an incredibly humbling process. He didn't claim special privileges. Instead, he lived a selfless,

obedient life and then died a selfless, obedient death—and the worst kind of death at that: a crucifixion.” Philippians 2:8 (MSG)

Your faithfulness reveals your CHARACTER.

God does not require you to be brilliant.
God does not require you to be clever.
God does not require you to be articulate.
God does not require you to be innovative.
God does not require you to be charming.
God does not require you to be handsome or beautiful.
But He does require you to be faithful.

For you see:

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If I am faithful one day I hope to hear:

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How about you? Faithful Christians remain faithful to Christ.