

Faithful

We all like some one who is faithful.

Faithful to the task given.

Faithful to the family.

Faithful to an agreement signed between two parties.

Faithful to the laws and regulations

Faithful to make payments of a loan

Faithful to keep a promise

Faithful to be on time

God gives special rewards for those who are faithful.

God preserves the faithful

Psalms 31:23, "Love the LORD, all His saints! The LORD **preserves** the **faithful**, but the proud he pays back in full."

God guards the faithful

Psalms 97:10, "Let those who love the LORD hate evil, for he **guards** the lives of his **faithful** ones and delivers them from the hand of the wicked."

God pays special attention to the faithful

Psalms 101:6, "**My eyes will be on the faithful** in the land, that they may dwell with me; he whose walk is blameless will minister to me."

God protects the faithful.

Proverbs 2:8, "for He guards the course of the just and **protects the way** of His **faithful** ones.

The faithful are richly blessed.

Proverbs 28:20, "A **faithful** man will be **richly blessed**, but one eager to get rich will not go unpunished."

God give special responsibility to the faithful.

Matthew 25:21, "His master replied, `Well done, good and **faithful** servant! You have been **faithful** with a few things; I will **put you in charge of many things**. Come and share your master's happiness!"

Special appointment to the faithful.

1 Timothy 1:12, "I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me **faithful**, **appointing me to his service**."

Special reward in heaven for the faithful

Revelation 2:10, "Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be **faithful**, even to the point of death, and **I will give you the crown of life**."

A look at faithful servants of God

Moses Numbers 12:7-8

"When a prophet of the LORD is among you, I reveal myself to him in visions, I speak to him in dreams. But this is not true of my servant **Moses**; He is **faithful** in all my house. With him I speak face to face, clearly and not in riddles; He sees the form of the LORD."

Hezekiah 2 Chronicles 31:20-21

"This is what **Hezekiah** did throughout Judah, doing what was good and right and **faithful** before the LORD his God. In everything that he undertook in the service of God's temple and in obedience to the law and the commands, he sought his God and worked wholeheartedly. **And so he prospered.**"

David 1 Kings 3:6

"Solomon answered, "You have shown **great kindness** to your servant, my father David, because he was **faithful** to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day."

Abraham Nehemiah 9:7-8,

"You are the LORD God, who chose Abram and brought him out of Ur of the Chaldeans and named him Abraham. You found **his heart faithful** to you, and **you made a covenant with him** to give to his descendants the land of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Jebusites and Girgashites. You have kept your promise because you are righteous."

Timothy 1 Corinthians 4:17

"For this reason I am sending to you Timothy, my son whom I love, who is **faithful** in the Lord. He will remind you of my way of life in Christ Jesus, which agrees with what I teach everywhere in every church."

Silas 1 Peter 5:12,

"With the help of Silas, whom I regard as a **faithful** brother, I have written to you briefly, encouraging you and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it."

Our supreme example of faithfulness is Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 3:6

"But Christ is **faithful as a son over God's house**. And we are his house, if we hold on to our courage and the hope of which we boast."

Revelation 1:5

"Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come,..... and from Jesus Christ, **who is the faithful witness**, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth."

Philippians 2:8

And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled himself and became obedient **to** death-- even death on a cross!

Hebrews 10:23

“Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for **He who promised is faithful.**”

1 Thessalonians 3:3

“But the Lord is **faithful**, and he will **strengthen and protect you** from the evil one.”

What happens when we are not faithful to our God?

“It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they did not remain **faithful** to my covenant, and **I turned away from them**, declares the Lord.”

How does a faithful believer live?

Faithful to the Lord and His Word

Faithful to the church

Faithful in prayer

Faithful to the family

Faithful to the job and to the boss

Faithful to friends

Closing challenge from God's Word -- Romans 12:9-13

Love must be sincere.

Hate what is evil;

cling to what is good.

Be devoted to one another in brotherly love.

Honor one another above yourselves.

Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.

Be joyful in hope,

patient in affliction,

faithful in prayer.

Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.