

# **A FAITHFUL MAN**

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### **I. INTRODUCTION**

1. Faithfulness is an ever-present problem among professed followers of Jesus Christ.
2. Consider: Mt.7:13,14; Jno.6:66; 2Tim.4:10,16; Heb.5:12-14; 2:1-3.
3. Evidence is all around us attesting to the fact that this is true.
4. Prov.20:6 says, "Many men will proclaim their goodness, but faithful men are not easily found."
5. In view of these facts, we shall spend some time in this lesson considering some characteristics of a faithful man.

### **II. DISCUSSION**

#### **A. A FAITHFUL MAN WILL NOT LIE!**

1. Solomon said: "A faithful man will not lie: but a false witness will utter lies," Prov.14:5.
2. Paul admonished saints to "Lie not one to another..." Col.3:9
3. God said: "...And all liars shall have their part in the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone."
4. Are you? Am I? A faithful man?

#### **B. A FAITHFUL MAN WILL BE FAITHFUL OVER THINGS ENTRUSTED TO HIM!**

1. This can be clearly see from a study of the parable of the talents of Mt.25:14-30.
  - a. Each man was given talents "according to his several ability."
  - b. The first man was told: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make the ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."
  - c. Likewise, the second man was told the same thing. They were both faithful over the talents given to them.
  - d. It was a different story with the third man: Vv.24-30.
2. The Lord expects us to be faithful over the things he has entrusted to our care and keeping, which includes our souls and our material possessions. Rev.2:10; 1Cor.15:58; etc.

3. Whatever we do we should do it “faithfully”. Cf. 3Jno.5.

### **C. A FAITHFUL MAN WILL ABOUND IN BLESSINGS!**

1. A long time ago Solomon said: “A faithful man shall abound with blessings: but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent,” Prov.28:20. Cf. 1Tim.6:9,10.
2. Faithful people abound with blessings! Not only blessings in this life, but also in the world to come. For Jesus said: Mk.10:29,30.
3. The fact that a faithful man will abound with blessings does not mean (necessarily) that he will have everything he wants in this earthly life, but he is promised to have his needs supplied – both physical and spiritual. Cf. Mt.6:31-33; Phil.4:19.
4. What more could we ask? Phil.4:4-9.

### **D. A FAITHFUL MAN WILL BE ABLE TO TEACH OTHERS ALSO!**

1. Paul exhorted Timothy saying: “And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also,” 2Tim.2:2.
2. Faithful men are deeply concerned about teaching others the gospel of Christ because “...it is the power of God unto salvation to every man that believeth”. See Rom.1:14-17.
3. God draws men to Jesus Christ by a teaching process, Jno.6:44,45; Rom.10:13-18.
4. Those who are faithful will endeavor to teach others the gospel of Jesus Christ which is God’s power to save. 2Tim.1,2; Mk.16:15,16; Jas.1:21; Ac.8:4,5; 11:19-21; 18:24-28.

### **E. A FAITHFUL MAN IS ONE WHO HAS FAITH IN GOD AND OBEYS HIM!**

1. To be faithful we must believe in God and Jesus Christ as the Son of God, Heb.11:6; Jno.20:30,31; See 1Jno.2:22-25; 4:2,4; 5:12,13; 2Jno.7.
2. We must confess Jesus Christ as the Son of God, repent of our sins, and be baptized in water in his name for the remission of sins, Rom.10:9,10; 1Jno.4:15; Ac.2:38; 8:36-38; 11:14; 10:47,48; 22:16; 1Pet.3:21.
3. then as a child of God we must continue to have faith and by faith obey God, Heb.5:8,9; Rev.22:14.
4. Are you a child of God? A faithful person? If not, why not?