

The Fruit of the Spirit is Faithfulness

Galatians 5:22

I. God is faithful to us.

- A. God is reliable in His character
 - 1. He always speaks the truth (2 Corinthians 1:18).
 - 2. He always keeps His promises (Deuteronomy 7:9; Zechariah 8:8; Hebrews 11:11).
 - 3. He always does what is right (Deuteronomy 32:4).
- B. God is reliable in His actions toward us
 - 1. He is faithful to His promise to save us (2 Timothy 2:13).
 - 2. He is faithful to us in times of trial (1 Peter 4:19).
 - 3. He is faithful to deliver us spiritually (1 Corinthians 10:13).
 - 4. He is faithful to forgive us (1 John 1:9).

II. God wants to help us be faithful.

- A. Does God consider me faithful (1 Timothy 1:12)?
 - Am I faithful in serving God (1 Corinthians 4:1-2, 17)
 - Am I faithful with financial things and thus eternal things (Luke 16:10-13; 2 Corinthians 8:17-19)?
- B. Does my family consider me faithful (1 Timothy 5:9)?
 - Can my spouse rely on me to be faithful? Trust me?
 - Am I diligent to provide a living and “keep house”?
 - Can I be counted on to “be there” relationally?
- C. Am I faithful in daily life – to everyone?

The Faithfulness Test

- Can people trust me to follow through on what I said I would do? Will I be there if I said I would?
- Can I be put in charge of something and get it done?
- Will I keep a commitment even if something more fun comes along?
- Do I frequently drop out of things?
- Do I tell those around me where I am and when I'll be back?
- Can people believe me? Do I exaggerate?
- Do I accept responsibility for what I did wrong?
- Do I return phone calls? Am I on time?
- Am I consistent in spiritual disciplines (church, prayer, Bible)?
- Do I shirk responsibility at work? Am I faithful with my time, how I treat people, treat things, handle company money?