

Nine Secrets of Healthy Relationships

Faithfulness – Part Eight

Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT) ²² But when the Holy Spirit controls our lives, he will produce this kind of fruit in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. Here there is no conflict with the law.

- **FAITH IS Dependence!**

Hebrews 11:1,6 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen ... But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

- **FAITH** without **FAITHFULNESS** is **misplaced** faith, which only ends in disaster.

There is just one Greek word for the two English words “faith” and “faithfulness.” The word “pistis” does mean “belief” but it also means “conviction, trust, confidence, fidelity, reliability, dependability.”

- **God is the best examples of faithfulness!**

2 Timothy 2:13 If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.

Revelation 19:11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

GOD IS FAITHFUL TO ...

- **Bless ME**

Lamentations 3:21-23 ²¹This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope. ²²It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. ²³They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.

- **Protect ME**

1 Corinthians 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

- **Forgive ME**

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

- **Keep ME**

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 ²³And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

FAITHFULNESS IN MY LIFE MEANS THAT I HAVE ...

- **Confidence**

Revelation 2:10 (NIV) 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.

- **Conviction**

3 John 3-4 (NIV) ³ It gave me great joy to have some brothers come and tell about your faithfulness to the truth and how you continue to walk in the truth. ⁴ I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.

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

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Luke 16:10 (NLT) Unless you are faithful in small matters, you won't be faithful in large ones. If you cheat even a little, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities.

- Faithfulness to God is found in the habits of our lives that _____!

Matthew 25:21 His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

1 Corinthians 4:2 (NIV) Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.