

EVEN-IF FAITHFULNESS

Matthew 25:14-30

We're called to be faithful because God is faithful. In Him we see the perfect example of faithfulness.

He is faithful to himself, meaning that he never does anything that is inconsistent with his character. Ref: Psalm 89:8; Ref: Lamentations 3:23 ESV

He is faithful to his word, meaning that he keeps his promises. Ref: Psalm 145:13

And He is faithful to his people, faithful to take care of them, to watch over them. Ref: 1st Corinthians 1:9

When we face temptation, He is faithful. Ref: 1st Corinthians 10:13

When we fall and when we fail, He is faithful. Ref: 1st John 1:9

When we are under attack, He is faithful. Ref: 2nd Thessalonians 3:3

The parable of the talents teaches us three ways to cultivate the quality of faithfulness.

1. Start today with what you have, even if it doesn't seem like much.

God will never call you to be faithful with what he hasn't given you. He only expects you to be faithful with what you have even if, at times, it doesn't feel like much.

You can be sure of this: When you're faithful with what you have, you open the door for greater opportunities. Ref: Matthew 25:21

2. Do your best with what you've got, even when no one is looking.

If you want to cultivate the quality of faithfulness, you will do it without an audience. Do your best, even when no one is looking.

3. Make it a daily endeavor, even though you can't predict the outcome of your efforts.

Oftentimes it's not the fear of failure that holds us back. It's the fear of futility.

You can know this: Your faithfulness will not go unnoticed by the one who matters most — your Heavenly Father. He sees what no one else sees ... Ref: Matthew 6:4; 1st Corinthians 15:58

It will be good for that servant whose master finds him doing so when he returns. (Matthew 24:45-46)

When Jesus says, "doing so," he's talking about being faithful — every day — because you never know when your chance will come.

Make it your endeavor to live a long obedience in the same direction.