

# **Christian Characteristics**

# **Faithfulness**

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# 1. Define Faithfulness

Faithfulness of God's perfect loyalty and consistency in being true to His Name, His Character and His Word.

**[A] Christian's faithfulness means maintaining faith or allegiance; showing a strong sense of duty or conscientiousness, being full of faith and trustful.**

Stuart D. Sacks, ["Faithfulness,"](#) in *Baker Encyclopedia of the Bible* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1988), 764.

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**Heb. 11:1**

1 Now faith is the assurance of *things* hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

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Faith is:

1. **Trusting** in all that God is and speaks.
2. **Obeying** all that God commands.
3. *Having* **confidence** in God's promises.
4. **Hoping** for something and **possessing** it because God is (exists) and has promised it.

2. Share two verses in the Bible concerning “Faithfulness” and explain the verses.

## Deut. 7:9

9 “Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments;

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**Rom. 1:8**

**8 First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, because your faith is being proclaimed throughout the whole world.**

3. Provide an example of someone who exhibited “Faithfulness” in the Old Testament.

## Joshua 24:14-15

14 “Now, therefore, fear the Lord and serve Him in sincerity and truth; and put away the gods which your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord.

15 “If it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served which were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

4. Provide an example of someone who exhibited “Faithfulness” in the New Testament.

## **Acts 5:27-29**

**27** When they had brought them, they stood them before the Council. The high priest questioned them,

**28** saying, “We gave you strict orders not to continue teaching in this name, and yet, you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and intend to bring this man’s blood upon us.”

**29** But Peter and the apostles answered, “**We must obey God rather than men.**”



## **5. How do Christians reflect a Christ-Like attitude through “Faithfulness”?**

Christians reflect a Christ-like attitude through faithfulness by aligning their lives with Jesus' teachings, example, and the power of the Holy Spirit.

This involves cultivating humility, obedience, and engaging in acts of compassion and service, which reflect the image of Christ in their daily lives.

## 5. How do Christians reflect a Christ-Like attitude through “Faithfulness”?

1. The world desperately needs to get right with God (Rom. 1:18–3:20).
2. The way for the world to get right with God is now clearly revealed through God’s Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. The way is justification: believing in (obeying) the Lord Jesus Christ and having God count one’s faith as righteousness (Rom. 3:21–5:21).
3. The believer in Christ can now be sanctified, that is, set apart to God and set free from sin to life eternal by the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Holy Spirit (Rom. 6:1–8:39).
4. The believer or the church, not Israel, is now God’s choice to carry the gospel of His Son to the whole world (Rom. 9:1–11:36).

6. How do you grow in “Faithfulness” and seek opportunities to demonstrate “Faithfulness” to others?

## Rom. 12:1-2

1 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is* your spiritual service of worship.

2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect. 11

6. How do you grow in “Faithfulness” and seek opportunities to demonstrate “Faithfulness” to others?

Displaying faithfulness to others involves being honest, reliable, and loyal, while also loving and serving them as Jesus did.

This includes sharing the Gospel, being a good listener, building relationships, supporting the Lord's work and regular assembly with the saints.