



The Fruit of the Spirit: Faithfulness

Galatians 5:22-23

**But the fruit of the Spirit is love,
joy, peace, patience, kindness,
goodness, **faithfulness**,²³
gentleness, self-control; against
such things there is no law.**



Why is knowing the Fruit of the Spirit so important?



Turn to

Romans 8:29-30



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- For those whom he foreknew he also **predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son**, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.



2 Corinthians 3:18

- And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the **glory of the Lord**, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of **glory to another**. For this comes from the Lord who is **the Spirit**.



Galatians 4:19

- my little children, for whom I am again in the anguish of childbirth **until Christ is formed in you!**



Conform Transform Form

All 3 words speak to
the same idea.



**Culmination of the
Transformation**
Resurrection of the Dead

Your day of Salvation
Justification

Conformation to the imagine of Christ

Entrance into the eternal
kingdom of God

Glorification

The Holy Spirit is God's agent to



- 1) Bring unbelievers to faith in Christ**
- 2) Conform believers to the image of the Son of God who is the image of God**



1 Corinthians 6:11

- And such were some of you. But you were washed, **you were sanctified, you were justified** in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and **by the Spirit of our God.**

The Holy Spirit is God's agent to



1) Justify the sinner—that is declare the sinner righteous

2) Sanctify the believer—that is set the believer apart from the rest of the world



The fruit of the Spirit
are the indications or
manifestations of the
Spirit's work in my
life.



Love	Joy	Peace
Patience Long-suffering	Kindness	Goodness
Faithfulness	Gentleness Meekness	Self-Control



Galatians 5:22

- But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, **faithfulness,**

Faithful



- **steadfast in affection or allegiance**
- **firm in adherence to promises or in observance of duty**
- **loyal, resolute, constant**



Both God the Father & the Son Are Presented As Faithful



Deuteronomy 7:9

- Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations,

Lamentations 3:22–23 (AV)



- *It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. ²³ They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.*



**“Great is Thy faithfulness,” O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.**

**“Great is Thy faithfulness!” “Great is Thy faithfulness!”
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
“Great is Thy faithfulness,” Lord, unto me!**

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Romans 3:3

- What if some were unfaithful? Does their faithlessness nullify the faithfulness of God?
- By no means!



Hebrews 3:6

- but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house, if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.



Revelation 1:5

- and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood



Consider

Abraham & Moses



Nehemiah 9:7–8

- You are the LORD, the God who chose Abram and brought him out of Ur of the Chaldeans and gave him the name Abraham. ⁸ You found his heart faithful before you, and made with him the covenant to give to his offspring the land of the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Amorite, the Perizzite, the Jebusite, and the Girgashite. And you have kept your promise, for you are righteous.



Turn to

Numbers 12 v. 1



¹ Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Cushite woman whom he had married, for he had married a Cushite woman. ² And they said, “Has the LORD indeed spoken only through Moses? Has he not spoken through us also?” And the LORD heard it. ³ Now the man Moses was very meek, more than all people who were on the face of the earth. ⁴ And suddenly the LORD said to Moses and to Aaron and Miriam, “Come out, you three, to the tent of meeting.” And the three of them came out. ⁵ And the LORD came down in a pillar of cloud and stood at the entrance of the tent and called Aaron and Miriam, and they both came forward. ⁶ And he said, “Hear my words: If there is a prophet among you, I the LORD make myself known to him in a vision; I speak with him in a dream. ⁷ Not so with my servant Moses. **He is faithful in all my house.** ⁸ With him I speak mouth to mouth, clearly, and not in riddles, and he beholds the form of the LORD. Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?”

Neither Abraham or Moses remained faithful under easy or moderately challenging times or circumstances.



- **God called Abraham to sacrifice the life of his only Son.**
- **God called Moses to lead a stiff-necked rebellious people.**



Nehemiah 7:2

- I gave my brother Hanani and Hananiah the governor of the castle charge over Jerusalem, for he was a more faithful and God-fearing man than many.



Faithful to my

- God & His Son
- The Gospel & the Christian Faith
- Spouse & Children
- Word & Testimony
- Friends & Others



Proverbs 20:6

Many a man proclaims his
own steadfast love, **but a
faithful man who can
find?**



Proverbs 28:20

- A faithful man will abound with blessings, but whoever hastens to be rich will not go unpunished.



What should every
Christian desire to
hear at the
judgment?



Matthew 25:21 (ESV)

- His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'



**Faithful servants don't stop
serving God when they go off to the
Army or college**

**Faithful servants don't stop serving
God when they become adults...**

**Faithful servants don't stop serving
God when they get married**

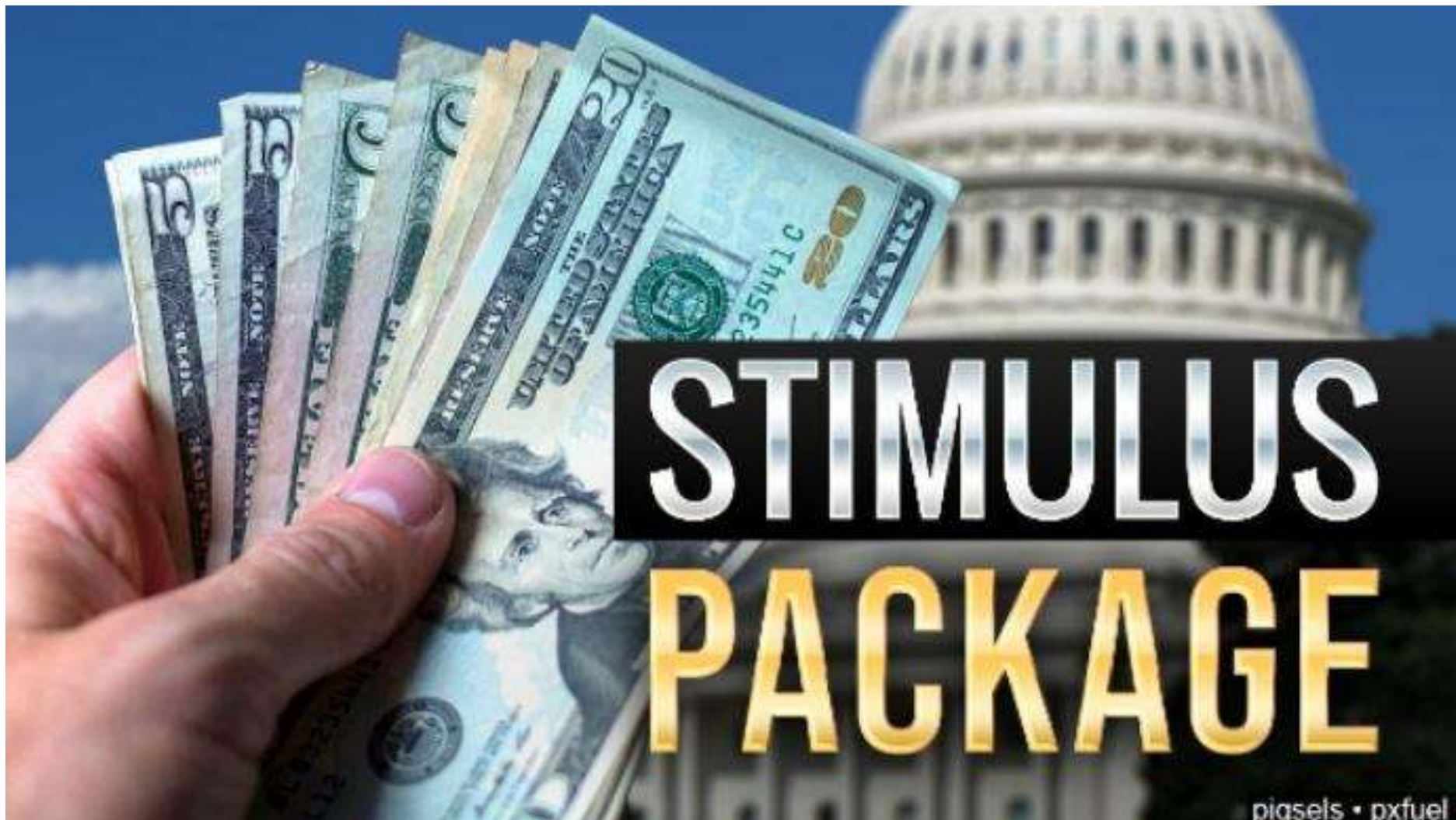


Listen to the Words of Jesus

Luke 16:10-12



¹⁰ **“One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. ¹¹ If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³ No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”**



STIMULUS TITHE

Let's Do the Math:



In just another week or so 397 families in Berean are going to receive between \$1200 and \$3000+ from the US government.

Or about \$845,000...

How many will be faithful to tithe from these lump sum payment?



Teaching the **TRUTH**

BEREAN BAPTIST CHURCH





YOUTH
BUILDING



Faithful with your

- Time
- Talents
- Treasure



Turn to

Luke 19:11-27

¹¹ As they heard these things, he proceeded to tell a parable, because he was near to Jerusalem, and because they supposed that the kingdom of God was to appear immediately. ¹² He said therefore, “A nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and then return. ¹³ Calling ten of his servants, he gave them ten minas, and said to them, ‘Engage in business until I come.’ ¹⁴ But his citizens hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, ‘We do not want this man to reign over us.’ ¹⁵ When he returned, having received the kingdom, he ordered these servants to whom he had given the money to be called to him, that he might know what they had gained by doing business. ¹⁶ The first came before him, saying, ‘Lord, your mina has made ten minas more.’



Luke 19:17 (ESV)

- And he said to him, 'Well done, good servant! **Because you have been faithful in a very little,** you shall have authority over ten cities.'

¹⁸ And the second came, saying, 'Lord, your mina has made five minas.' ¹⁹ And he said to him, 'And you are to be over five cities.' ²⁰ Then another came, saying, 'Lord, here is your mina, which I kept laid away in a handkerchief; ²¹ for I was afraid of you, because you are a severe man. You take what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.' ²² He said to him, 'I will condemn you with your own words, you wicked servant! You knew that I was a severe man, taking what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow? ²³ Why then did you not put my money in the bank, and at my coming I might have collected it with interest?'

²⁴ And he said to those who stood by, ‘Take the mina from him, and give it to the one who has the ten minas.’ ²⁵ And they said to him, ‘Lord, he has ten minas!’ ²⁶ ‘I tell you that to everyone who has, more will be given, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ²⁷ But as for these enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, bring them here and slaughter them before me.’ ”



Will I be found faithful?

In the year 2030, how many listening this morning will still be serving the Lord faithfully?



How many will still be consistently participating in worship?

How many will still be finding ways to serve in the local church?

How many will still be giving \$ to the church and Christian ministries?



1 Corinthians 4:1–2

- This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. ² **Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful.**



Paul said
being faithful
is required of the
servants of Christ.



**How many will be faithful to keep
assembling virtually until we can be
together again?**

**How faithful are you to reading your
Bible?**

How faithful are you to praying?



2 Timothy 2:2

- and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses

entrust to faithful men

[& women], who will be able to teach others also.



Why was entrusting the Christian faith to faithful men so important?



- **The Gospel must be passed from generation to generation**
- **The truth must be preserved; it can't be altered, modified, or compromised**



Revelation puts
emphasis on
being faithful in
numerous ways



Revelation 2:10

- Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. **Be faithful unto death,** and I will give you the crown of life.



Revelation 2:13

- “ ‘I know where you dwell, where Satan’s throne is. Yet you hold fast my name, and **you did not deny my faith even in the days of Antipas my faithful witness, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells.**”



Revelation 14:12

- Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus.



Revelation 17:14

- They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen **and faithful.”**



**When 200,000 die
because of COVID-19
will you remain
faithful to our God &
the faith?**

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4. Death is inevitable and all must face the judgment to follow.
5. Every obituary and funeral is supposed to provoke each of us to consider our personal mortality and standing with God.



When we are told we
can't meet for 6
more weeks will you
remain faithful?



**What are you doing
to keep yourself in
the faith during this
crisis?**