

Fresh Fruit Part 4 - Saturday

September 24, 2022

Faithfulness!

Galatians 5:22, *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.*

Faithfulness Starts From Inside the Believer Who Yields to the Word of God

1 Corinthians 9:27, *No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.*

Titus 2:11, *For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. 12 It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, 13 while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.*

1. God’s NATURE Is Faithfulness

1 Corinthians 1:9, *God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

2. God Is FAITHFUL to FORGIVE and Keep Us From Sin

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.*

2 Thessalonians 3:3, *But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one.*

1 Corinthians 10:13, *No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.*

3. God Can Be TRUSTED Because of His Faithfulness

Numbers 23:19, *God is not human, that he should lie, not a human being, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?*

Psalms 89:1, *I will sing of the LORD's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.*

4. Our FAITHLESSNESS Cannot Make God Lose His FAITHFULNESS

2 Timothy 2:13, *If we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself.*

5. We Are CALLED to Faithfulness

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

Proverbs 3:3, *Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. 4 Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man.*

a. Faithfulness Must Start in Little Things

Luke 16:10, *“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.*

b. Faithfulness Is Developed Through Obedience to God

Colossians 3:23, *Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as*

working for the Lord, not for human masters, 24 since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

c. Faithfulness Is Always Rewarded

Matthew 25:21, *“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’*

Please come back tomorrow at 9:30 or 11 a.m. as we celebrate 140 years as a church family and 20 years at the Allen campus!