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# FAITHFULNESS

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## LESSON TWELVE

A faithful person is one who is dependable, consistent, trustworthy; one who will keep the faith -- literally, a full-of-faith person. Having received Jesus Christ as personal Savior, God now expects you to be faithful in all of the things He has commanded. One verse that sums up our responsibility to God is I Corinthians 4:2, *"Moreover, it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful."* And another passage: *"Therefore my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord"* (I Cor. 15:58).

Throughout this booklet we have sought to lay a foundation upon which you, a new Christian, can build a solid Christian life -- a life well-pleasing to God. We have set forth the basic principles that make it possible for each of us to live and serve God in the way that He has commanded. We can assure you, upon the basis of God's Word, that if you will be faithful in these basic things, you will not be ashamed before Christ when you stand in His presence. The Bible teaches that every Christian must answer directly to Christ (II Cor. 5:10). Also, we are told that some Christians will be *"ashamed before him at his coming"* (I John 2:28).

The Lord Himself gave a parable teaching faithfulness. For those who are faithful to Christ and His Word, He will say, *"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"* (Matt. 25:21). The only good servant is a faithful servant.

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One of the purposes of this booklet is to encourage every new Christian who reads it to be **faithful to God** in all things. We all know professing Christians who are not serious about obeying or living for the Lord. God commands not only that we "love the Lord God with all our heart, mind and strength," but also that we obey Him for "to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams" (1 Sam. 15:22).

Therefore, be a faithful, obedient Christian and God will be pleased when you stand before Him!

**TRUTH IN REVIEW: (Look up verses)**

*A faithful person is one who is dependable, consistent, trustworthy (1 Cor. 15:58).*

*The one requirement of a servant of God is faithfulness (1 Cor. 4:2).*

*Ultimately, we must answer to God concerning our response to His commands (1 Cor. 3:10-15; II Cor. 5:10).*

*To obey is better than sacrifice. God expects obedience (II Cor. 10:5).*

**ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS:**

1. A faithful person is one who is dependable, consistent, \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The requirement of a servant of God is \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The Lord will commend some Christians as good and \_\_\_\_\_ servants.
4. If we love God we ought to \_\_\_\_\_ Him.
5. If we are faithful Christians, God will be p\_\_\_\_\_ when we stand before Him.
6. I am the Lord's p\_\_\_\_\_ property, so I must live like it daily.

**ANSWERS:**

Lesson 12: 1. Trustworthy 2. Faithfulness 3. Faithful 4. Obey 5. Pleased 6. Personal