

Outline

I. Faithfulness is a Godly Quality

- A. 1 Cor. 1:9
- B. 1 Cor. 10:13
- C. 1 John 1:9

II. Faithful Men are hard to find

- A. Psalms 12:1
- B. Proverbs 20:6
- C. Phillipians 2:19-20

III. Biblical Examples of Faithful Men

A. Old Testament Examples

- 1. Abraham - Nehemiah 9:7-8
- 2. Moses - Numbers 12:7
- 3. Samuel - 1 Samuel 2:35
- 4. David - 1 Samuel 22:14
- 5. Hanani - Nehemiah 7:2
- 6. Nehemiah's Treasurers - Nehemiah 13:13
- 7. Uriah & Zechariah - Isaiah 8:2
- 8. Daniel - Daniel 6:4

B. New Testament Examples

- 1. Timothy - 1 Corinthians 4:17
- 2. Tychicus - Ephesians 6:21
- 3. Epaphrus - Colossians 1:7
- 4. Onesimus - Colossians 4:9
- 5. Paul - 1 Timothy 1:12
- 6. Silas - Peter 5:12

C. Insights

- 1. Many men called faithful in the New Testament received training from Paul.
- 2. Paul himself was a faithful man. He was an example to those he trained.

IV. Characteristics of a Faithful Man

- A. He cares for others/ interests, not his own (Prov. 20:6; Phil. 2:19-22).
- B. He has his values right. he is not anxious to get rich (Prov. 28:20)
- C. He lives a blameless testimony before the world (Dan. 6:4)
- D. He is obedient to God's will (1 Sam. 2:35)
- E. He demonstrates wise stewardship (1 Cor. 4:1-2)
- F. He passes on to others what he has learned (2 Tim 2:2).

V. Ways to Test a Man's Faithfulness (Luke 16:10-13)

- A. Test him in small responsibilities before giving him large ones (v. 10).
- B. Test him in non-spiritual matters before giving him spiritual truth (v. 11).
- C. Test him in how he values what isn't his, before giving him his own. Observe how he serves faithfully in someone else's ministry before sending him out on his own. (v. 12).
- D. Test him in his commitment to God (v. 13).

VI. The Benefits of Being a Faithful Man

- A. He is given leadership roles (Neh 7:2; Matt. 24:45).
- B. He will abound with blessing (Proverbs 28:20).
- C. He will be rewarded with greater responsibilities in heaven and will experience the Lord's joy over his faithfulness (Matt. 25:21, 23; Luke 19:17).
- D. He is given a ministry (1 Tim. 1:12).
- E. He is entrusted with spiritual truth (2 Tim. 2:2).
- F. His discipler shows confidence in him by sending him in his place (1 Cor. 4:16-17; Phil. 2:19-24; Eph. 6:21).