

CHRISTIAN CHARACTER

4. Faithfulness



Introduction

Godly character is not developed in the classroom, but in the circumstances of our daily lives. One of those qualities is faithfulness. This is a quality we see in God our Heavenly Father.

- ◆ In what ways is God faithful? Look up the following: Psalm 25:10, 33:4, 111:7, 145:13, 1 John 1:9

(God is faithful in all his ways, in all he does, in the work of his hands and to keep his promises and forgive our sin.)

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:14-30

- ◆ Why did Jesus say that two of the servants were faithful? What had they done? Matthew 25:16, 17, 20, 22

(The two servants were faithful to use what the master had given them.)

- ◆ What lessons can we learn from this story about being faithful to God?

(God has given us all abilities and gifts, opportunities and time, and we are to be faithful with what he has entrusted to us.)

When we are faithful to God we will also be faithful in our relationships with other people, and in what we do. Discuss the questions below that are most relevant to your group:-

- ◆ Why is faithfulness between a husband and a wife so important? What happens when one partner is not faithful? Ephesians 5:25-33
- ◆ Friends are important to all of us, but some friends are faithful and others are not. Who are faithful, or real friends? See Proverbs 17:17, 18:24, 27:6
- ◆ Many people work when the boss is around, but are lazy when he has gone! Why is it important to be faithful in our work? Ephesians 6:6-8

Conclusion

The word faithful means to 'be steady, reliable and trustworthy'. When God revealed himself to Moses on the mountain, he declared that he was 'abounding in love and faithfulness'. This is why we can trust him. He is utterly reliable: he is faithful. God wants that same quality to be demonstrated in our lives in what we do and how we live, and in our relationships with others. How wonderful it will be to hear Jesus say to us one day, "Well done, good and faithful servant!"