

# Faithfulness: “Well Done, Good and Faithful Servant”

LAMENTATIONS 3:19-24; MATTHEW 25:14-30

**F**aithfulness is an integral part of human existence, so important that without it society would disintegrate. Every morning of our lives demands an eye-opening act of faith that rushes us into a series of trusting actions and dependent attitudes. We breathe air we cannot see (most of the time), eat food we don't examine, keep appointments with people we trust to be there, and board planes we trust will stay in the air. Truly we live by faith because we were created to operate in the environment of dependence as surely as fish were made for water.

But faith requires faithfulness, or it will produce only disaster. When you trust a leading pain reliever and get cyanide, trust a banker and get a crook, trust a husband and get an alcoholic, you will understand the importance of faithfulness and the disaster of faithlessness. One of life's greatest treasures is the knowledge that with God there is no false advertising, no deceptive business practices, and no broken contracts. He is

utterly faithful. Upon this we can build lives set upon a rock; without this we have only sinking sand.

1. In general terms, how have people been unfaithful to you, and how did that make you feel?

**READ LAMENTATIONS 3:19-24.**

2. Why did the writer have hope in his desperate situation?

3. How is God's faithfulness described?

4. Name one way you have seen God's faithfulness in your life recently.

5. What is the Christian's basis for being faithful?

**READ MATTHEW 25:14-30.**

6. For what were the servants rewarded? For what was the lazy servant punished?

7. What do you think was Jesus' main point in this parable?

8. Why is faithfulness an important part of Spirit life?

9. What does this story add to your understanding of what it means to be faithful?

10. What “talents” has God given you?

11. How can you be faithful in using these gifts for his glory?