

Faithfulness

Faithfulness is the quality of being true to one's promises and commitments to another person or party, regardless the effort or cost.

It reflects, and is similar to loyalty, devotion, or commitment, but also reflects the expectation that the other person, or party, will also be true to you.

The motto of the US Marine Corps is Semper Fi (fidelis), translated from Latin is "always faithful."

Probably the most common use of the word faithful today is in describing marriages.

Two people promising to always love, honor, cherish, help and serve each other, and no one else, through good times and bad, till they are separated by death.

Best friends for life.

Easy to say and imagine, but hard to do.

Faithfulness in regard to us and God is similar in some ways as marriage.

Both we and God make promises to each other for the duration of our life.

When we believe in him, and make the choice to follow him, we in effect promise to devote our lives to do our best to learn and obey his teachings and commands, and try to transform ourselves to be more like him for the world to see.

If we do that, God promises to help us in our quest to understand and be more like him, by sending his Spirit to live in our hearts.

And he promises, when our life is over, he will take us to live with him forever.

The main difference between being us faithful to God and people being faithful to each other, is we are human and God is not.

He is perfect and his faithfulness to us will never fail.

But our faithfulness occasionally will fail because, being human, we make mistakes .

When we do fail, if we repent, he will always forgive us, and remember it no more.

The same cannot be said for faithfulness between 2 people, as both parties are imperfect.

Jesus said in Matthew 22:37 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'

Then in John 14:15 he says, "If you love me, keep my commands".

Paul instructs Timothy in (NIV)2 Timothy 2:15 "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved...."

Dedicating your life to God, and showing your love of him by obeying him and learning all you can about what he wants us to do, and the kind of people he wants us to be.

Then doing your best to live out what you have learned for the world to see.

And having faith and assurance that our shortcomings along the way are covered up by the blood that Jesus shed for us.

That is Faithfulness.

Revelation 2:10. "...Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life."