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FAITHFUL SERVICE TO GOD

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*And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;
Colossians 3:23*

1 Cor 4:2 It is required of a steward to be faithful.

Faithfulness: One who is consistent, responsible, trustworthy, continually doing that which is required, reliable, honest, dependable, punctual and productive. A faithful person can be depended on to follow instructions.

A Steward or a Servant is one who serves another, determined to fulfill the will of the one they serve. A steward is accountable to the one who has entrusted them to carry out the assigned duties of someone else. They are to use their skills to the benefit of the one they serve and not for themselves. When we serve God, we seek to please Him and not ourselves. God expects us to take care of and use wisely His blessings, provisions and favor.

One might have perfect ability, but they can not be counted on when needed, therefore they are of no value. Dependableness is to be practiced everywhere, on the job in the church and between each other. Dependableness must first be in the HEART! When your heart is not into the thing you are doing, you will not do a good job. Generally, what one is naturally (lazy, unreliable etc. or honest, loyal, trustworthy), they are spiritually. The enemies of our time against being faithful are: a growing independence, self-will, non-conformity and irresponsibility.

The following list of scriptures provides an outline of faithfulness and what God expects:

Eph. 6:5-8 We do not give "Eye Service". Performing only when we are watched.

Eccl. 9:10 Whatever your hands find to do, do it as unto the Lord.

1 Cor. 4:2 It is required of stewards to be faithful.

Prov. 20:6 A faithful man, who can find. (a rare commodity)

Prov. 28:20 A faithful man abounds with blessings.

Prov. 14:5 A faithful man is honest and will not lie.

Note the following: Prov. 12:24,27 / Prov. 22:29

Gen. 39:5-6 Potiphar and his house were blessed because of the faithfulness of Joseph.

The faithful will:

1. Be diligent to follow instructions in a timely fashion.
2. Take pride in their work.
3. Be conscientious, that is meticulous and careful.
4. Put their responsibilities BEFORE themselves or their pleasures.
5. Willing to do their BEST and not just to get by. First class service.
6. They will perform their duties without fear or intimidation – seeking to please the one who has chosen them to do the work.
7. They are LOYAL to the one they serve.

8. Have their work done on time and in good order. (No last minute or half done jobs).

9. They are available when they are NEEDED without murmuring or drawback.

10. They are COMMITTED to serve and please God. To be committed is to be under God's control.

Matt. 25:21 The best news we can hear, "Well done thou good and faithful servant".

Luke 16:10-12 We are to be faithful in LITTLE things if we expect to have greater things assigned to us.

Psa. 101:16 God's eye is on the Faithful.

Rev. 2:10 Be thou faithful unto death.

Psa. 31:23 The Lord preserves the faithful.

Heb. 3:14 Hold your confidence unto the end.

2 Pet. 3:17 Do not fall from your steadfastness.

***Submitting and being obedient to God's Will is the key to Faithfulness.
THEY will, not MY will be done.***

**One's place in life is often determined by their faithfulness Neh 13:13
Their Advancement, Status-Quo or Demotion hinges on Faithfulness**