



Dearing Fruit For The Kingdom
Galatians 5:22-23

SUNDAY AM SERIES

The Fruit of the Spirit #7 = Faithfulness

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Introduction: Paul boldly urges the churches of Galatia to walk by the Spirit. He warns them about the works of the flesh and then identifies the fruit of the Spirit. Let's consider some things about faithfulness

Discussion:

I. Faithful Christians Are Faithful Supporters

II Timothy 2:2 says, "And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also." (NKJV)

- * Faithful Christians Support The Faith
- * Faithful Christians Support Sharing The Faith
- * Faithful Christians Support Men & Women of Faith

II. Faithful Christians Are Faithful Servants

I Corinthians 4:14-17 says, "I do not write these things to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me. That is why I sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, to remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach them everywhere in every church." (ESV)

- * Faithful Christians Serve God
- * Faithful Christians Serve The Family of God
- * Faithful Christians Serve The Community

III. Faithful Christians Are Faithful Students

II Thessalonians 3:1-5 says, " And now, brothers and sisters, pray for us that the Lord's teaching will continue to spread quickly and that people will give honor to that teaching, just as happened with you. And pray that we will be protected from stubborn and evil people, because not all people believe. But the Lord is faithful and will give you strength and will protect you from the Evil One. The Lord makes us feel sure that you are doing and will continue to do the things we told you. May the Lord lead your hearts into God's love and Christ's patience." (NCV)

- * Faithful Christians Study The Word of God
- * Faithful Christians Search The Word of God
- * Faithful Christians Surrender to the Word of God

IV. Faithful Christians Are Faithful Stewards

II Corinthians 8:1-7 says, "And now, brothers, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints. And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will. So we urged Titus, since he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. But just as you excel in everything--in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us--see that you also excel in this grace of giving." (NIV)

- * Faithful Christians Are Good Stewards of Their Abilities/Talents
- * Faithful Christians Are Good Stewards of Their Opportunities/Time
- * Faithful Christians Are Good Stewards of Their Possessions/Treasures

Conclusion: We need to re-evaluate what we are doing, why we are doing it, and how it is improving our life. Paul hopes that we will live in the Spirit and walk in the Spirit! It's time to bear fruit! Are you ready to obey God's will? Are you ready to show faithfulness?

WORD OF THE DAY = "FAITHFULNESS"