

# FAITHFUL

- Continuance in Salvation. Doing what God declares to be good

God teaches us how to be good

**Psalms 25:8** Good and upright is the Lord: therefore will he teach sinners in the way.

**Psalms 37:23-25**

23 The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way.

24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand.

25 I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

## **Being GOOD begins with being HONEST**

**Luke 8:15** But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.

**Luke 6:45** A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.

## **Continues with drawing near to GOD**

1. **Psalms 73:28** But it is good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord God, that I may declare all thy works.

...being thankful to God

2. **Psalms 92:1** It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High:

...showing favour and lending to others

3. **Psalms 112:5** A good man sheweth favour, and lendeth: he will guide his affairs with discretion.

...living together in peace

4. **Psalms 133:1** Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

...showing mercy

5. **Proverbs 11:17** The merciful man doeth good to his own soul: but he that is cruel troubleth his own flesh.

...supporting your family

6. **Proverbs 13:22** A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: and the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just.

...having a "Good Heart"

7. **Matthew 12:35** A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.

Involves being JUST

**Luke 23:50** And, behold, there was a man named Joseph, a counsellor; and he was a good man, and a just:

Involves FAITH

**Acts 11:22-24**

22 Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch.

23 Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord.

24 For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord.

## **However, being GOOD involves being FAITHFUL**

**1 Corinthians 4:2** Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

Would "Being Faithful" be required of a "GOOD" Husband?

Would "Being Faithful" be required of a "GOOD" Wife?

Would "Being Faithful" be required of a "GOOD" Child?

Would "Being Faithful" be required of a "GOOD" Employee?

A GOOD minister reminds the People of God's will

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**1 Timothy 4:6** If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained.

A GOOD soldier endures hardships

**2 Timothy 2:3** Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

A good wife and mother does and teaches GOOD things

**Titus 2:3-5**

3 The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;

4 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,

5 To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

A GOOD Christian shares God's blessings

**1 Peter 4:10** As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

Is FAITHFUL in ALL

Numbers 12:7 My servant Moses is not so, who is faithful in all mine house.

A FAITHFUL person is not a talebearer

**Proverbs 11:13** A talebearer revealeth secrets: but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter.

A FAITHFUL person tells the truth...ALL THE TIME

**Proverbs 14:5** A faithful witness will not lie: but a false witness will utter lies.

A FAITHFUL person is one that cannot easily be accused

**Daniel 6:4** Then the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find none occasion nor fault; forasmuch as he was faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him.

A FAITHFUL person does what is required

**Acts 16:15** And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us.

A FAITHFUL servant does what is required even when not supervised

**Matthew 24:45-46**

45 Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?

46 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

**Luke 16:10** He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.

**Revelation 2:10** Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

The most welcome words

**Matthew 25:21** His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

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