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GALATIANS 5:22-23

- **What does faithfulness mean?**
 - **Faithfulness - same family of words as faith, faithful, faithless, etc.**
 - **That which is dependable, trustworthy, can be counted on.**
 - **Used repeatably of God.**

1 John 1:9; Heb. 10:23; 1 Cor. 10:13

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“The faithful person is one who is dependable, trustworthy, and loyal, who can be depended upon in all of his relationships and who is absolutely honest and ethical in all of his affairs”

– Jerry Bridges, *“The Practice of Godliness”*

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 - Daniel as an example. **Daniel 6:4**

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- To Be Faithful is, to Be Honest:
 - Daniel was honest. **Dan. 6:4**
 - God hates dishonesty.
Prov. 6:16-19; John 14:6
 - The faithful person is to be honest in all things. **Eph. 4:25; Luke 16:10**

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- **To Be Faithful is, to Be Dependable:**
 - **Again, Daniel's example.**
Dan. 6:4, 1-2.
 - **God's standard of dependability.**
Ps. 15:1-2, 4

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- **To Be Faithful is, to Be Loyal:**
 - **Not a blind loyalty that sees no faults.**
 - **Loyalty that tells the truth.**

Prov. 27:6, 5

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- **How Can I Grow in Faithfulness?**
 - 1. Recognized the Biblical standard.**
 - 2. Evaluate your life considering that standard.**
 - 3. Give serious thought to how you can improve.**
- **Two scriptures to consider.**
Rev. 2:10; Matt. 25:21