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### Faithfulness!

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

Faithfulness means steadfast loyalty that isn't easily swayed. Our faithfulness to God means trusting in Him and loving Him through all circumstances. It means following His commandments even when we would rather choose a different path. In essence, biblical faithfulness is a multi-faceted concept that encompasses God's unwavering character and the corresponding call for believers to live with unwavering loyalty, reliability, and commitment in their relationship with God and others.

God's faithfulness is a core attribute of His nature, highlighting His unwavering commitment to His promises and His people. God is always true to His word, and His actions consistently align with His character and promises. It is often associated with His covenant promises, demonstrating His enduring loyalty to His people. Moses told the children of Israel: "Know therefore that the Lord thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations" (Deuteronomy 7:9). God's faithfulness symbolizes a universal covenant. The **rainbow** applies not only to humanity but to all living creatures and the earth itself, symbolizing God's care for all creation. The rainbow is thus a powerful symbol of grace, mercy, and divine faithfulness.

There are key aspects of faithfulness: **(1)** Faithfulness is rooted in trust in God and His promises. **(2)** It involves obedience to God's commands and a willingness to follow His will. **(3)** Faithfulness requires a deep commitment to God and to one's responsibilities. **(4)** It emphasizes a consistent and reliable way of living, reflecting God's own consistency.

First Corinthians 4:2, underscores the expectation that those entrusted with responsibilities, like stewards, should be trustworthy and reliable. A steward does what his master tells him to do. We must do what God tells us to do in the Bible and through His Holy Spirit. Each day God presents us with needs and opportunities that challenge us to do what we know is right.

Our faithfulness is in the God who created the entire universe by His word. God's word has awesome power. Believing that God exists is only the beginning; even the demons believe that much (James 2:19-20). God will not settle for mere acknowledgment of His existence. He wants a personal, dynamic, life-transforming relationship with you.

Paul's way of saying in 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 is that God must be involved in every aspect of our life. It is wrong to think we can separate our spiritual life from everything else, obeying God only in some ethereal sense or living for Him only one day each week. Christ must control all of us, not just a "religious" part.

Forget the past and reach the goal. Paul said: "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:14). Paul's goal was to know Christ, to be like Christ, and to be all Christ had in mind for him. This goal absorbed all his energy. This is an example for us. We should not let anything take our eyes off our goal—Christ. We must lay aside everything harmful and forsake anything that may distract us from being faithful to Christ. Move on to a life of faith and obedience. Look forward to a fuller and more meaningful life because of your hope in Christ.

Revelation 19:11 tells us, "And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called *Faithful and True*, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war." Heaven opens and Jesus appears, this time not as a Lamb, but as a warrior on a white horse (symbolizing victory). Jesus came first as a Lamb to be a sacrifice for sin, but He will return as a Conqueror and King to execute judgment. His first coming brought forgiveness; his second will bring judgment. The battle lines have now been drawn between God and evil, and the world is waiting for the King to ride onto the field.

**Can a person be faithful without having faith?**