



The **VINE** and the **FRUIT**



JOHN 15:5 NLT

⁵“Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.”



GALATIANS 5:22-23A NLT

²²But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control.





The Fruit
of the Week

FAITHFULNESS





In the Greek the word for faithfulness is *pistes*. It means trustworthy, dependable, unwavering and steadfast over a long period of time.





Faithfulness is the character of somebody who you know you can simply rely on all the time.



God is the ultimate
example of faithfulness.





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PSALM 33:4 NIV

⁴ For the word of the Lord is right and true; he is faithful in all he does.



God is steadfast and consistent.

HEBREWS 10:23 ESV

²³Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.



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HEBREWS 13:8 NLT

⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.



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God is dependable.



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2 TIMOTHY 2:13 NLT

¹³If we are unfaithful,
he remains faithful,
for he cannot deny who he is.



God is trustworthy.



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DEUTERONOMY 33:4 NLT

⁴ He is the Rock; his deeds are perfect.
Everything he does is just and fair.
He is a faithful God who does no wrong;
how just and upright he is!

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-24 NLT

²² The faithful love of the Lord never ends!
His mercies never cease.

²³ Great is his faithfulness;
his mercies begin afresh each morning.

²⁴ I say to myself, "The Lord is my inheritance;
therefore, I will hope in him!"





We are called to be
faithful because God is
faithful.



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MATTHEW 25:23 NLT

²³"The master said, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!'"

MATTHEW 25:24-30 NLT

²⁴ “Then the servant with the one bag of silver came and said, ‘Master, I knew you were a harsh man, harvesting crops you didn’t plant and gathering crops you didn’t cultivate. ²⁵I was afraid I would lose your money, so I hid it in the earth. Look, here is your money back.’”

²⁶ “But the master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy servant! If you knew I harvested crops I didn’t plant and gathered crops I didn’t cultivate, ²⁷why didn’t you deposit my money in the bank? At least I could have gotten some interest on it.’”



MATTHEW 25:24-30 NLT

²⁸“Then he ordered, ‘Take the money from this servant, and give it to the one with the ten bags of silver. ²⁹To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away. ³⁰Now throw this useless servant into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”





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OF THE THIRD SERVANT:





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He didn't think.



WE CAN SAY OF THE FAITHFULNESS
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He didn't think.

He didn't work.



WE CAN SAY OF THE FAITHFULNESS
OF THE THIRD SERVANT:



He didn't think.

He didn't even try.

He didn't work.



WE CAN SAY OF THE FAITHFULNESS
OF THE THIRD SERVANT:



He didn't think.

He didn't even try.

He didn't work.

He made excuses.



The Master has entrusted you with knowledge, possessions, authority, relationships, time, abilities, and wisdom.

How do you use what God has given you?

What does it look like
for us to be faithful
with the things God
has entrusted to us?





What does it look like for us to be faithful with the things God has entrusted to us?

We need to be steadfast.



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MATTHEW 24:9-13 NIV

⁹"Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. ¹⁰At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, ¹¹and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. ¹²Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, ¹³ but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved."



What does it look like for us to be faithful with the things God has entrusted to us?

We need to be firm and fixed in our determination to serve Him.



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MATTHEW 5:37 NLT

³⁷Just say a simple, 'Yes, I will,' or 'No, I won't.' Anything beyond this is from the evil one.



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We need to be
trustworthy.



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1 CORINTHIANS 4:2 NIV

²Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.

1 JOHN 2:24 NLT

²⁴So you must remain faithful to what you have been taught from the beginning. If you do, you will remain in fellowship with the Son and with the Father.

