

How to be faithful

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Introduction

1. Revelation 2:10
2. All who are faithful Christians will suffer persecutions 2 Timothy 3:12
3. The Word is encouraging us to never give up no matter what
4. The reward of being faithful is so great the words cannot fully describe it
5. We must learn what it takes to be faithful and then apply this knowledge to our lives

II Discussion

1. We must be dedicated to be faithful
 - a. This is the idea of a living sacrifice Romans 12:1
 - b. We have made the decision to dedicated our lives to God Romans 6:3
 - c. The sealing is marking it for the Master Ephesians 1:13; Galatians 6:17
 - d. The world is to know that we are dedicated to God (Old Testament set apart)
 - e. Some devote their lives to projects, positions or possessions.
 - f. We are to be dedicated to God, seeking His will, way and work Psalm 37:1-7
2. We are to be disciplined to be faithful
 - a. Paul had to discipline himself 1 Corinthians 9:2-27
 - b. Undisciplined believers fail to accomplish what they could be or be the blessing for God that they could be.
 - c. Self-control and restraint must be practiced!
 - d. The rules have been set by God
 - e. We must practice discipline for ourselves if we are going to glorify God
3. We are to be determined to be faithful
 - a. Determination is the background for our working for the Lord 1 Corinthians 15:58
 - b. Determination is the background for seeking the kingdom first Matthew 6:33
 - c. Determination is not as strong for all Matthew 13:20-22
 - d. Determination is not all by ourselves Philippians 4:13
4. We are to be diligent to be faithful
 - a. We are to be diligent
 - i. In our work Hebrews 6:11
 - ii. In our growth 2 Peter 1:5
 - iii. In our study 2 Timothy 2:15
 - b. We can become interested in other things and lose our diligence for God Luke 8:14
5. We are to be dependable to be faithful
 - a. Abraham was considered faithful Genesis 18:19
 - b. Titus was considered faithful 2 Corinthians 8:16-17
 - c. We can all become undependable at some point in our life. Apostles
 - d. Let us be faithful all of our lives Revelation 2:10

Conclusion

1. To receive the crown of life one must be faithful to God
2. Listed today were five ways in which one can and should remain faithful
3. Are you faithful, if not come now

Source: Clarke commentary; Nave's; Holland James and Revelation; Dictionaries; Search in Bible soft