

“God Rewards Faithfulness”



Christmas – God’s Faithfulness!

Galatians 4:4 NLT

4 But **when the right time came**, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law.

Q. What is Faithfulness?

- lasting loyalty and trustworthiness
- quality of being true to one’s word
- being dedicated in performing a duty
- quality of adhering to fact (truth)

“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.”

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Joseph – Desired To Be Faithful

Matthew 1:18-19 NIV

¹⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.

¹⁹ Because **Joseph her husband was faithful to the law**, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

Joseph – Needed God’s Revelation

Matthew 1:20-21 NIV

²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because **what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.** ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

Small Things Matter

Luke 16:10 NLT

¹⁰ “If you are **faithful in little things**, you will be **faithful in large ones**. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won’t be honest with greater responsibilities.

“Faithfulness in little things is a big thing.”

Hudson Taylor

In Times of Trial

James 1:12 NIV

¹² Blessed is **the one who perseveres under trial** because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

In Times of Temptation

1 Cor 10:13 ESV

¹³ “No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. **God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability,** but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, **that you may be able to endure it.**

God Rewards...

Matthew 25:21 NLT

²¹ “The master was full of praise. **‘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!**”

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