

Faithfulness -- "You Can Count On Me"

INTRODUCTION

1. The dog has often been called "Man's _____"
2. How often, even in small things, are we always _____, always _____, always _____.
3. Have you ever been _____ by someone?
4. Have you ever _____ someone yourself?
5. Part of the "fruit of the Spirit" is **faithfulness!**



DISCUSSION

I. How Can Biblical "Faithfulness" Be Defined?

- A. The word translated "faith" or "faithfulness" is used at least four ways in the New Testament.
 1. It may mean the fundamental _____
 2. It may mean the fundamental _____
 3. It may mean the fundamental _____
 4. It may mean our fundamental _____ (2 Timothy 2:2 _____)
- B. Being faithful is vital in every _____
 1. Solomon made that abundantly clear!
 - a) He knew this quality was _____ (Proverbs 20:6)
 - b) He knew that the lack of it caused _____ (Proverbs 25:19)
 - c) Sadly, Solomon later pained God by his _____
 2. Faithfulness is not really something you " _____ ", it is something you " _____ "!
 3. Regardless of who we are, our task is to be _____
 4. Colossians 3:22-24 _____

II. How We Can be More "Faithful"?

- A. First, _____ yourself to _____
 1. Remember how it feels when _____
 2. Remind yourself that others are _____
- B. Second, remember that _____ is available!
 1. Faithfulness is a fruit of the " _____ "!
 2. In the context of this passage, the Spirit is contrasted with the " _____ "
 - a) You know what happens when you rely on _____
 - b) Remember Peter (Matthew 26:35) under pressure, he was not _____!
 3. The fact is, on our own, left to the weaknesses of the flesh, we are rarely _____!
 4. Faithfulness is a God like quality! (Lamentations 3:22-24)
- C. Third, remember three important things about faithfulness...
 1. Faithfulness must become _____
 - a) Determine to live under _____
 - b) He is the supreme example of _____
 2. Faithfulness is measured by what _____ do with what God has given _____!
(What are my _____? My _____?)
 3. Faithfulness is never giving up! (Galatians 6:9 _____)

CONCLUSION

1. Hymn -- "Can He Depend on You?"

