

A word with you... FAITHFUL

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Through the years I have worked with numerous brethren who would proudly declare that they are “faithful” Christians. In my judgment, **their works** denied this claim, but if you told them so they would be greatly offended. So perhaps we need to define the word in the Bible and use a few verses to illustrate.

Faithful (pistos, G4103) ~ reliable, trustworthy, stable. “*trusty, faithful*; of persons who show themselves faithful in the transaction of business, the execution of commands, or the discharge of official duties” (*Thayer’s Greek-English Lexicon*).

Jesus used this word of the Household Servant who was in charge of all his master’s house to provide food in due season, **Matt. 24:45**. He was found to be “*doing*” his job.

Tychichus and Epaphras were faithful servants to the church that sent them on an errand, **Eph. 6:21; Col. 1:7; 4:7**. We must assume that they accomplished their mission both in travel and in delivering their gifts.

Jesus and Moses were faithful to God in their duties, **Heb. 2:17; 3:2**.

God is faithful, **absolutely!** **1 Cor. 1:9; 10:13; 2 Cor. 1:18; 1 Thess. 5:24; 2 Thess. 3:3; Heb. 10:23; 11:11; 2 Tim. 2:13; 1 Jn. 1:9; 1 Pet. 4:19**.

Would you say that brethren who attend once a week or less are faithful? Would you say that deacons who rarely do their job(s) are faithful? Would you say a preacher who waits till late Saturday night to prepare his lesson and then gets up Sunday morning and delivers it poorly is faithful? Would you say a preacher who does **not** preach “*the whole counsel of God*” (**Acts 20:26-27**) is faithful? (Remember, some preachers are “false teachers” because of what they do **not** preach!)

You see, dear reader, a “*faithful*” Christian is someone who is “*full of faith*,” and full of a faith that is “*justified by works*” (**James 2:14-17**). A dead faith is not found in a faithful person. “*They profess to know God, but in works they deny Him, being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work*” (**Titus 1:16**).

What do your works say about you?! Are you faithful?

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