

## **Living in Faith – part 6**

### **BEING FAITHFUL IN A FAITHLESS WORLD**

Jesus: "When I, the Son of Man, return, how many will I find on earth who have faith?" Luke 18:8 (NLT)

#### **God Is Looking For Faithful People**

"For the eyes of the Lord search back and forth across the whole earth, looking for people whose hearts are perfect toward him, so that he can show his great power in helping them." 2 Chron. 16:9 (LB)

#### **Faithful People Are Hard To Find**

"Everyone talks about how faithful he is, but it is difficult to find someone who really is!" Prov. 20:6

#### **Faithfulness Is A Key To Blessings and Victory**

"Every child of God can defeat the world, and it is our faith that gives us this victory. No one can defeat the world without having faith in Jesus as the Son of God." 1 John 5:4-5 (CEV)

"A faithful man will be richly blessed." Prov. 28:20

### **HOW CAN I BE FAITHFUL TO GOD?**

#### **1. God Uses Little Things To Test Your Integrity**

"Whoever is faithful in small matters will be faithful in large ones, and whoever is dishonest in small matters will be dishonest in large ones." Luke 16:10

#### **2. God Uses My Talents To Test My Unselfishness**

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10

"Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful." 1 Cor. 4:2 (NIV)

#### **3. God Uses Tough Times To Teach Me Persistence**

"This is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. For our present troubles are quite small and won't last very long, but they will produce for us an immeasurably great glory that will last forever! So we don't look at the troubles we can see right now; rather, we look forward to what we have not yet seen. For the troubles we see will soon be over, but the joys to come will last forever!" 2 Cor. 4:16-18 (NLT)

"Don't get tired of doing what's right. You WILL be rewarded when the time is right, if you don't give up." Galatians 6:9

#### **4. God Uses Shortages To Test My Generosity**

Jesus: "I tell you, use your worldly resources to benefit others and make friends for eternity. In this way, your generosity stores up a reward for you in heaven.... BUT if you are unfaithful with your worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven?... You cannot serve both God and money." Luke 16:9-14 (NLT)

#### **5. Faithful People Bring Friends To Jesus**

"Some men brought to Jesus a paralytic friend, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, 'Take heart, son! Your sins are forgiven.'" Matthew 9:2

#### **6. Faithful People Build The Faith Of Others**

"The things you've learned from me in the presence of many witnesses you are to entrust to other faithful people who will also be qualified to pass it on to others." 2 Tim. 2:2