Lesson 7: Wednesday May 4, 2022

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Fruit of the Spirit- Faithfulness

**Galatians 5:22-23** …the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control;

1. How are faith and faithfulness connected?
   1. What are the differences, what are the similarities?
2. What is the danger of thinking of faithfulness only as a performance of duty? (Answer: we are saved by faith in Jesus not by our performance)
3. What should Christian faithfulness look like in the following areas of stewardship?
   1. Our personal lives – spiritual and physical
   2. Our marriages
   3. Our ministry
   4. Our jobs
   5. Our parenting
   6. Our tongue
   7. Our homes
4. Are you thankful for what the Lord has given you to steward?
5. How is faithfulness affected by the way we interpret scripture? (Answer: Faithfulness is standing firm on what God has clearly revealed and not being tossed to and fro by worldly philosophies and the plausible arguments of man)

1. **Read 2 Timothy 2:3-4**
   1. **What does Paul mean by civilian pursuits? List examples of civilian pursuits that we must avoid as faithful soldiers of Jesus Christ.**
2. Each midweek lesson on the fruit of the Spirit has hi-lighted the unity of the characteristics displayed in us by the Spirit. Talk about how faithfulness works in unison with the fruit of the Spirit.
3. God’s word calls us to work hard in our obedience and to rest in the work of Jesus. Talk about how we as Christians balance these two seemingly contrary commands.

Take time to pray and thank God for His gift of salvation through Jesus and His faithfulness to complete the work assigned to Him.