
■ ■ Memory Verse

But be very careful to obey all the commands and the law that Moses gave to you. Love the LORD your God, walk in all his ways, obey his commands, be faithful to him, and serve him with all your heart and all your soul.

Joshua 22:5

“What is faith? It is the confident assurance that what we hope for is going to happen. It is the evidence of things we cannot yet see.” Hebrews 11:1

■ ■ Next Step Today

- Memorize Joshua 22:5
- I will renew my commitment to a daily devotion time.
- I will redefine my obstacle as an opportunity for faithfulness:_____.
- Send me more information about serving on the First Impressions Team.



7 NINE-PART 7
FAITHFULNESS
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“But when the Holy Spirit controls our lives, he will produce this kind of fruit in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.” Galatians 5:22-23

<u>FRUIT</u>	<u>DEFINITION</u>	<u>OPTIONS</u>
Goodness	The quality or state of being good; moral excellence	Sinfulness
Kindness	The outward manifestation of inner goodness for the benefit of others	Selfishness
Faithfulness	To follow through with a commitment regardless of difficulty	Disloyalty
Gentleness	Power and strength under control	Harshness
Self-Control	Restraint or discipline exercised over one's behavior	Self-Indulgent

During our stay of several days, a man named Agabus, who also had the gift of prophecy, arrived from Judea. When he visited us, he took Paul's belt and bound his own feet and hands with it. Then he said, "The Holy Spirit declares, 'So shall the owner of this belt be bound by the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem and turned over to the Romans.'" When we heard this, we who were traveling with him, as well as the local believers, begged Paul not to go on to Jerusalem. But he said, "Why all this weeping? You are breaking my heart! For I am ready not only to be jailed at Jerusalem but also to die for the sake of the Lord Jesus." When it was clear that we couldn't persuade him, we gave up and said, "The will of the Lord be done." Shortly afterward we packed our things and left for Jerusalem.

Acts 21:10-15

CULTIVATING THE FRUIT OF FAITHFULNESS

1. RENEW _____

"I have chosen to be faithful; I have determined to live by your laws." Psalms 119:30

HOW: _____

"... they accepted the message eagerly and studied the Scriptures everyday" Acts 17:11

2. STAY _____

"Unless you are faithful in small matters, you won't be faithful in large ones. If you cheat even a little, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities." Luke 16:10

HOW: _____

3. PREPARE _____

But remember that the temptations that come into your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will keep the temptation from becoming so strong that you can't stand up against it. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you will not give in to it. 1 Corinthians 10:13

HOW: _____

4. TRUST _____

But you must remain faithful to the things you have been taught. You know they are true, for you know you can trust those who taught you. 2 Timothy 3:14