

# FRUIT *of the* SPIRIT

## FAITHFULNESS

**FAITHFULNESS** is “the quality of being \_\_\_\_\_”.

**FAITHFUL:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_, steadfast in affection or allegiance (support); (a *faithful* friend)
2. \_\_\_\_\_, firm in adherence to promises or in observance of duty; (a *faithful* spouse; a faithful employee)
3. Describes something \_\_\_\_\_; it’s given with strong assurance; (a *faithful* promise)
4. True to the facts, to a standard, or to an \_\_\_\_\_; (a *faithful* copy)
5. **obsolete:** full of faith (no longer \_\_\_\_\_)

\*NOTE\* \_\_\_\_\_ is **NOT** ‘full of \_\_\_\_\_’.

**FAITH:**

1. To \_\_\_\_\_; To \_\_\_\_\_ (in someone, something)

**Don’t confuse Faithfulness with Faith!** Faithfulness is a \_\_\_\_\_. Faith is not.

**FAITHFULNESS** is a word that focuses \_\_\_\_\_ the self.

**FAITH** is a word that focuses \_\_\_\_\_ the self; upon an object or person that is being believed or trusted in.

**FAITHFULNESS** has to do with how reliable or trustworthy \_\_\_\_\_ am.

\_\_\_\_\_ has to do with how reliable and trustworthy the object or person is that I am \_\_\_\_\_ in.

## Why is FAITHFULNESS so important?

- Displaying FAITHFULNESS in our lives is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's presence within us. Gal 5:22-23, AMP
- God \_\_\_\_\_ FAITHFULNESS for, and toward, us. Deut 32:3-4, Ps 33:4, Ps 111:7-8, Ps 117:2, Lam 3:22-23, Ps 145:13

**Pistis** (pee-es-tus), NT Greek: firm persuasion, conviction, belief in the truth, veracity, reality or \_\_\_\_\_ . It carries the idea of giving someone credit. English synonym: REALITY.

*Idea: You and I focus our deepest faithfulness on those things that are the most "real" to us.*

**Aman** (uh-muhn) or its derivative **Emunah** (e-MU-nah), OT Hebrew: firmness, steadiness, sureness, steadfastness, \_\_\_\_\_ , trust, honesty, safety, and certainty.

The \_\_\_\_\_ of OUR faithfulness is the DIRECT RESULT of our regard (consideration) of \_\_\_\_\_ faithfulness!

- The faithfulness of God is HIS **BELIEVEABILITY!** (His faithfulness makes Him **credible, authentic... believable!** (The opposite is \_\_\_\_\_ .))
- The faithfulness of the believer is our \_\_\_\_\_ in God's BELIEVEABILITY!

## How do we **KNOW** God is FAITHFUL/ \_\_\_\_\_ ?

1. He is not like \_\_\_\_\_ Num 23:19
2. Even God proclaims \_\_\_\_\_ to be faithful/believable! Ex 34:1-6

How reliable and trustworthy AM I?

- As a wife. Mother. Sister. Daughter.
- Friend. Neighbor.
- Student. Employee/Employer.
- Christian/Believer.

How reliable and trustworthy am I? *Really.*

Don't do the minimum.

"The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God; slow to anger, \_\_\_\_\_ in love and faithfulness ..." Gen 34:6

Abounding: existing in or providing a great or plentiful quantity or supply

The tree is known by its fruit. Matt 12:23