

How We Deal with Others:
Finding a Middle Way with the Fruit of the Spirit

Week 7: The Fruit of Faithfulness

Each day mark off 15-30 minutes (or more if you have the time) to pause, say the opening prayer, then read the passage and reflect on the questions. The scriptures were selected based on the New Revised Standard Version. As you reflect on the questions, you are encouraged to write your responses that come to mind. Be as specific as you can. You will find that capturing your honest, unfiltered thoughts will lead you to actions that become transformative. This is how the Holy Spirit grows within us.

Opening Prayer (to be said each day): *Lord, thank you for being with me right now. Settle my thoughts. Speak to me. I am open to whatever you say and however you direct me. And I trust that you want only what is best for me. Amen*

Monday: Read 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Reflection: What do you think Paul means when he says we are “stewards of God’s mysteries”?

Verse 5 says that being a faithful steward brings “commendation from God”. How can you use spiritual wisdom you possess on behalf of others today?

Tuesday: Read Hebrews 3:12-14

Reflection: “Exhort” means to strongly encourage. Who do you know that needs to be encouraged in their spiritual life? Will you do it today?

“Our first confidence” means the moment that you first awakened to following God. Revisit what it was that first brought you to faith in God and let it revitalize you today.

Wednesday: Read Hebrews 10:22-25

Reflection: God's faithfulness toward us should provoke faithful living from us. How have you seen God be faithful in your life? How does that give you hope for the future?

Similarly, when we faithfully follow God it encourages others to live faithfully as well. We need to hear life stories of others and they need to hear ours. Who could you meet up with this week to encourage? Give them a call or a text.

Thursday: Read Deuteronomy 28:1-14

Reflection: Faithfulness can look like obedience and following the commands God gives us. Across scripture, what are the things that God asks us specifically to do?

Deuteronomy says that faithfully obeying God leads to blessing in our lives. Which of the blessings listed stand out most to you? Why?

Friday: Read Matthew 25:14-30

Reflection: In this passage Jesus says that faithfulness shows up when we utilize the resources God has given us rather than hide them away. What gifts (time, talents, resources) has God given you? What is a new way you can make use of them?

Saturday: Reflect on your reflections this week. Are there any action steps you feel God would want you to take? Do you struggle with faithfulness or is it growing inside you?