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Text - Heb. 3:1-6 <u>Introduction</u>: A.C.E. Character Traits Listing - <u>Faithful</u>—Manifesting a true spirit to a person to whom one is bound by a promise, a pledge, honor, or love.

Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found **faithful**. (I Cor. 4:2)

Then the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find none occasion nor fault; **forasmuch as he was faithful**, neither was there any error or fault found in him. (Daniel 6:4)

**Heb 3:1** ¶ Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;

**Heb 3:2** Who was <u>faithful</u> to him that appointed him, as also Moses was <u>faithful</u> in all his house.

**Heb 3:3** For this *man* was counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as he who hath builded the house hath more honour than the house.

**Heb 3:4** For every house is builded by some *man*; but he that built all things *is* God. **Heb 3:5** And Moses verily *was* <u>faithful</u> in all his house, as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after;

**Heb 3:6** But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.

Theodore Roosevelt said, "It is better to be faithful than famous."

God is not interested in believers becoming famous, but He is interested in us being faithful.

Someone has said, *"The world crowns success; God crowns faithfulness."* That is true. In fact, there will be no spiritual success without faithfulness.

The State of Wyoming is the home of the Yellowstone National Park. One of the interesting places in this park is the "*Old Faithful Geyser*." About twenty times a day a huge spray of water comes out of the ground, reaching a height of about fifty yards. The temperature of the water is above 200 degrees, and the steam is about 350 degrees. The huge mass of water continues for about three to five minutes, and six to eight thousand gallons of water spew into the air. The place is called "Old Faithful" because that activity has been going on non-stop for centuries.

One cartoon showed an elderly, white-haired pastor on a lake fishing. He said, "Now Lord, I know that you said to 'fish for men', but Lord, is it okay if we throw some of them back in?"

### **PERSONIFIED**

It is not enough to see it (Faithfulness) on paper, we need to see it in people. Often we think of it as a character trait or a special feature or quality about a person but in actuality Faithfulness is Personified, incarnate, embodied, visibly seen in people.....most notably in the Lord Jesus Christ Himself! The question for us is.....can it be seen in <u>me</u>?

### **TESTIFIED**

To testify is to bear witness of, give evidence of, or to confirm a thing. Where and by whom is the testimony of Faithfulness to be found?

#### In Scripture

Faith, Faithful, Faithfulness from Genesis-Revelation 348 times in 324 verses Word/Phrase Match Count

faith	247	
faithful	82	
faithfulness	19	

### In Service

Consider Moses - Heb 3:5 And Moses verily was faithful in all his house, as a servant, for a testimony...

### In Sacrifice

**Consider Abraham** - Gal. 3:9 So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.

## **CLASSIFIED**

Faithfulness in: Giving, Witnessing, Preaching, Loving, Serving, in the home, on the job, in the church, etc.

## FALSIFIED

Not everyone that appears faithful really is!! You cannot look at a person and tell that they are truly faithful...only God knows who the real faithful ones are!