

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