

□□□ FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT □□□

◆Galatians 5:22-23◆

- The fruit of the spirit is: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-Control

INWARD

Love, Joy, Peace

OUTWARD

Patience, Kindness, Goodness

FORWARD

Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-Control

□□□ Faithfulness □□□

▪Greek: Pistis

- Dependable, Loyal, Steadfast

- The character of a person who can be relied on

◆Psalm 119:89-90◆

"Your word, O Lord will last forever; it is eternal in Heaven. Your faithfulness endures through all the ages; you have set the earth in place, and it remains"

▪God wants His Spirit to take His faithfulness and grow it in you.

▪FAITHFUL & FULL OF FAITH

◆Faithful

- dependable, committed

- A person who keeps their word (Matthew 5:37 // 1 John 2:5)

- Flakiness is good in our pie crust but not people

- Long term obedience to God's Word (James 1:22 // John 8:31)

◆Full of Faith

- Believing and trusting God's word and his promises (1 Corinthians 1:9 // 2 Corinthians 5:7 // Hebrews 11)

- We can trust God because He is trustworthy

▪What should I do when I'm not faithful?

- When you realize you are not faithful, don't wallow in it, learn to repent quickly

◆ 1 John 1:9 ◆

"If we confess our sin, He is faithful.."

◆ Lamentations 3:22-23 ◆

"...His mercies never come to an end..."

◆ 2 Timothy 2:13 ◆

"Even when we are unfaithful, He is still faithful..."

◆ ◆ ◆ Questions ◆ ◆ ◆

1. Share stories of God's faithfulness.

2. Are you more likely to keep your word to people or sustain long-term obedience to God's Word?

3. Why do we hesitate to trust God? How can we become more filled with faith and begin to trust His Word and promises?

4. How do you typically respond when you are unfaithful to God or people? What needs to change for you to start responding in a more healthy way?