

TOPICAL STUDY FORM

TOPIC The Faithful Man (2 Timothy 2:2)

1. COMPILE A LIST OF WORDS

Faithful

2. COLLECT BIBLE REFERENCES

1 Samuel 2:35
1 Samuel 22:14
Nehemiah 7:2
Nehemiah 13:13
Isaiah 8:2
Daniel 6:4
Psalm 12:1
Proverbs 20:6
Proverbs 28:20
Matthew 24:45
Luke 16:10–13
Luke 19:17
1 Corinthians 1:9
1 Corinthians 4:1–2, 16–17
1 Corinthians 10:13
Ephesians 6:21
Colossians 1:7
Colossians 4:7, 9
1 Timothy 1:12
2 Timothy 2:2
1 Peter 5:12
1 John 1:9

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COMPARISON CHART

3. CONSIDER EACH REFERENCE INDIVIDUALLY

4. COMPARE AND GROUP THE REFERENCES

<i>Reference</i>	<i>Cross-References</i>	<i>Observations and Insights</i>
Numbers 12:7		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moses was called faithful by God.
1 Samuel 2:35		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was prophesied that Samuel would be a faithful man. A faithful man is obedient to God's will.
1 Samuel 22:14		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> David was called a faithful man by Ahimelech.
Nehemiah 7:2	Matthew 24:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hanani was called a faithful man by Nehemiah. A faithful man is given leadership roles.
Nehemiah 9:7–8		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abraham was considered faithful by the Lord.
Nehemiah 13:13		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nehemiah considered his treasurers faithful, so he gave them responsibility.
Isaiah 8:2		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uriah and Zechariah were faithful witnesses in the sight of the Lord.
Daniel 6:4	John 19:4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Persian princes could not accuse Daniel of any wrongdoing, because he was a faithful man. A faithful man lives a blameless testimony before the world.
Psalms 12:1	Proverbs 20:6 Philippians 2:19–20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faithful people are few in number and hard to find.

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Proverbs 20:6	Philippians 2:19–22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are not many faithful people in the world. • A faithful man cares about the interests of others, while an unfaithful man is always bragging about himself and serving himself.
Proverbs 28:20		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A faithful man abounds with blessing. • A faithful man has his values right, in contrast with someone who is eager to get rich.
Matthew 24:45	Nehemiah 7:2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A faithful man is given leadership roles.
Matthew 25:21, 23	Luke 19:17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A faithful servant will be rewarded with greater responsibilities in heaven and will experience the Lord's joy over his faithfulness.
Luke 16:10–13		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This passage shows four ways to test a person's faithfulness: (1) Test him in small things before giving him big things. (2) Test him in nonspiritual matters before giving him spiritual truth. (3) Test him in how he values what isn't his. (4) Test his commitment to God.
Luke 19:17	Matthew 25:21, 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A faithful servant is rewarded with greater responsibility.
1 Corinthians 1:9	1 Corinthians 10:13 1 John 1:9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God is faithful.

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1 Corinthians 4:1–2		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A faithful man demonstrates wise stewardship.
1 Corinthians 4:16–17	Ephesians 6:21 Colossians 1:7 Colossians 4:7, 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Timothy was called a faithful man by Paul. A faithful man's discipler shows confidence in him by sending him in his place.
1 Corinthians 10:13	1 Corinthians 1:9 1 John 1:9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God is faithful.
Ephesians 6:21	Colossians 4:7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tychicus was called a faithful minister by Paul.
Colossians 1:7		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Epaphras was a faithful minister of Jesus Christ.
Colossians 4:7	Ephesians 6:21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tychicus was sent by Paul to the Colossians because he was a reliable, faithful man.
Colossians 4:9		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Onesimus was considered faithful by Paul.
1 Timothy 1:12		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God considered Paul faithful. A faithful man will be given a ministry.
2 Timothy 2:2		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A faithful man is entrusted with spiritual truth. A faithful man passes on to others what he has learned.
1 Peter 5:12		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Silas was called faithful by Peter.

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5. CONDENSED OUTLINE

I. Faithfulness Is a Godly Quality

- A. 1 Corinthians 1:9
- B. 1 Corinthians 10:13
- C. 1 John 1:9

II. Faithful Men Are Hard to Find

- A. Psalm 12:1
- B. Proverbs 20:6
- C. Philippians 2:19–20

III. Biblical Examples of Faithful Men

A. Old Testament Examples

- 1. Abraham — Nehemiah 9:7–8
- 2. Moses — Numbers 12:7
- 3. Samuel — 1 Samuel 2:35
- 4. David — 1 Samuel 22:14
- 5. Hanani — Nehemiah 7:2
- 6. Nehemiah's treasurers — Nehemiah 13:13
- 7. Uriah and Zechariah — Isaiah 8:2
- 8. Daniel — Daniel 6:4

B. New Testament Examples

- 1. Timothy — 1 Corinthians 4:17
- 2. Tychicus — Ephesians 6:21
- 3. Epaphras — Colossians 1:7
- 4. Onesimus — Colossians 4:9
- 5. Paul — 1 Timothy 1:12
- 6. Silas — 1 Peter 5:12

C. Insights

- 1. Many men called faithful in the New Testament received training from Paul.
- 2. Paul himself was a faithful man. He was an example to those he trained.

IV. Characteristics of a Faithful Man

- A. He cares for others' interests, not his own (Prov. 20:6; Phil. 2:19–22).
- B. He has his values right. He is not anxious to get rich (Prov. 28:20).
- C. He lives a blameless testimony before the world (Dan. 6:4).
- D. He is obedient to God's will (1 Sam. 2:35).
- E. He demonstrates wise stewardship (1 Cor. 4:1–2).
- F. He passes on to others what he has learned (2 Tim. 2:2).

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V. Ways to Test a Man's Faithfulness (Luke 16:10–13)

- A. Test him in small responsibilities before giving him large ones (v. 10).
- B. Test him in nonspiritual matters before giving him spiritual truth (v. 11).
- C. Test him in how he values what isn't his, before giving him his own. Observe how he serves faithfully in someone else's ministry before sending him out on his own (v. 12).
- D. Test him in his commitment to God (v. 13).

VI. The Benefits of Being a Faithful Man

- A. He is given leadership roles (Neh. 7:2; Matt. 24:45).
- B. He will abound with blessing (Prov. 28:20).
- C. He will be rewarded with greater responsibilities in heaven and will experience the Lord's joy over his faithfulness (Matt. 25:21, 23; Luke 19:17).
- D. He is given a ministry (1 Tim. 1:12).
- E. He is entrusted with spiritual truth (2 Tim. 2:2).
- F. His discipler shows confidence in him by sending him in his place (1 Cor. 4:16–17; Phil. 2:19–24; Eph. 6:21).

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6. CONCLUSION (Summary and Application)

As I did this study on the faithful man, God impressed on me the need to be more faithful in two specific areas. First, I need to be more faithful in my prayer life; I have to be more disciplined in setting aside a daily period for prayer. Second, I need to be more faithful in my finances. Luke 16:10 is a verse I needed. It teaches that if I am not faithful in handling my money, God will not trust me with true riches—spiritual blessings.

Projects

- I plan to memorize the passage on “tests of a man’s faithfulness” by next week: Luke 16:10–13.
- I will set up a family budget with my wife this weekend. We will start keeping better records of how we spend our money and will ask God to guide us in our spending, saving, and giving.
- I will begin spending 20 minutes each morning before breakfast to review my prayer list and pray.

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