

## Bible Study Handout for Week 3: Faithfulness – Stewardship of the True Riches

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### ✨ Christ-Like Character – Week 3

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#### 📌 Module Objectives

- Understand the traits that define Christ-like character: **faithfulness, humility, forgiveness, courage, etc.**
  - Learn how to access the **power of God** to live rightly.
  - Stay in God’s presence so His **anointing can flow** through you to others.
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#### 🔄 Quick Recap

- Character is a **spiritual battle**.
  - Honorable character comes from **God**.
  - “Virtue” = Latin *virtus*, meaning **strength**.
  - Choosing virtue is always an act of **faith**.
  - Ten core virtues:  
👤 Humility | 🍷 Faithfulness | 💧 Forgiveness | 🛡️ Courage  
📦 Integrity | 🌻 Loyalty | ⚡ Diligence | 🙏 Gratitude  
❤️ Compassion | ⌚ Patience
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### 💎 FAITHFULNESS – Stewardship of the True Riches

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#### 📖 What is Faithfulness?

- **Old meaning:** Full of faith (still true spiritually!)
- **Today’s meaning:**
  - Loyal
  - Trustworthy
  - Keeps promises
  - Fulfills duties
- Mentioned **116 times** in the Bible (OT & NT combined).
- A **faithful person** handles what is entrusted to them with care.

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## Jesus – Our Model of Faithfulness

- Called the **Faithful High Priest** (Heb. 2:17)
- Now we are **priests** of a new kingdom (1 Pet. 2:5, 9)
- He served, healed, forgave — and calls us to do the same (Acts 10:38; Matt. 10:7–8)
- God has **anointed us too** (2 Cor. 1:21)
- We carry His treasure in **earthen vessels** (2 Cor. 4:5–7)

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## Stewardship Basics

- A **steward** manages another’s property — God has entrusted us with His Kingdom.
- Be faithful with:
  - Your life
  - Your gifts
  - Your ministry
  - People around you

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## Bible Examples of Faithful Stewards

- **Joseph** in Potiphar’s house (Gen. 39:4–5)
- **Solomon** asked for wisdom, not riches (2 Chron. 1)
- **Moses** was called faithful and a friend of God (Heb. 3:5; Ex. 33:11)
- **Paul**: from persecutor to chosen vessel (1 Tim. 1:12; 2 Cor. 3:5–6)

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## Real Faithfulness in Action

- Be faithful in **little things** (Luke 16:10)
- Use your gifts or lose them (2 Tim. 1:6)
- **Give** what God has given you: forgiveness, healing, joy (Matt. 10:7–8)

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## Stewardship Scriptures

- **1 Pet. 4:10** – Use your gifts to serve others.
- **Matt. 25:28** – Don’t bury your talent.
- **1 Cor. 4:1–2** – Stewards must be found faithful.

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## ! Warnings & Encouragement

- **Don't hoard** God's anointing — use it to bless others.
- Be careful not to misuse God's power for personal gain.
- The Kingdom of God is about **giving**, not getting.

“I want to teach you everything it took me 50 years of ministry to learn, so you can go on from there and do much more.” – Kenneth E. Hagin

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## 🙏 Promises for the Faithful

Promise	Scripture
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🛡️ <b>Protection</b>	Ps. 31:23–24 – The Lord preserves the faithful
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💰 <b>Blessings</b>	Prov. 28:20 – The faithful will abound
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📈 <b>Promotion</b>	Matt. 25:21 – Faithful over few → ruler over many
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📄 <b>Reward</b>	Luke 12:42–44 – Put in charge of more
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😊 <b>Joy</b>	Isa. 29:19 – The meek will rejoice in the Lord
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## 💬 Reflect and Meditate

“If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones... And if you are not faithful with other people's things, why should you be trusted with things of your own?”  
– **Luke 16:10–11 (NLT)**

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## ✅ Your Weekly Challenge

- 🔍 Ask: Am I being faithful with what God has entrusted to me?
  - 🙏 Offer your time, words, and gifts to **serve** this week.
  - 🙏 Pray: “Lord, help me to be a trustworthy steward of your Kingdom.”
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