

The Fruit of Faithfulness



1 Corinthians 4:2

- Review – “The Fruit of the Holy Spirit – Gal. 5:22-23
- We are looking at the traits.
- Lesson #2 – “The Fruit of Love”
- Lesson #3 – “The Fruit of Joy”
- Lesson #4 – “The Fruit of Peace”
- Lesson #5 – “The Fruit of Longsuffering”
- Lesson #6 – “The Fruit of Gentleness”
- Lesson #7 – “The Fruit of Goodness”

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- **Faithfulness: to be faithful and trustworthy, to be loyal and steadfast in devotion, dependable, stable, and allegiance.**
 - **God’s faithfulness should be so deeply reflected in the lives of His people that they can be called simply “the faithful” (Psalm 31:23).**
 - **Faithfulness is also expected in Christian believers.**
 - **Faithfulness is a time-tested attribute.**
 - **One of the serious problems in the Corinthian church concerned former ministers.**
 - **The matter became critical, for the people began to judge the minister’s preaching style, ability, eloquence, charisma, gifts, call, and success.**
1. **We are all ministers of Christ (1 Cor. 4:1).**
 - **The words “servant or minister” mean an under-rower.**
 - **No person who serves Christ is to be elevated above other ministers or servants.**
 - **Notice that a minister of Christ is a “steward of the mysteries of God.”**
 - **Here we have the word “mystery” (secret).**
 2. **Ministers are required to be faithful (v. 2).**
 - **The minister is not required to be eloquent, brilliant, intelligent, loaded with ability, or successful.**

- The minister is not required by God to be an administrator, counselor, visitor, door-greeter, or socializer.
 - The minister is required to be faithful in ministering the mysteries of God.
 - He must not hold back or fail to share the mysteries of God.
 - The minister of God must be faithful to his call.
 - The main issue is not, “is Paul popular?”
 - A servant is constantly being judged.
- A. There is man’s judgment (v. 3a)
 - B. There is the servant’s own self-judgment (v. 3b-4a)
 - C. The most important judgment is God’s judgment (v. 4b).