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Let's look at what the Bible has to say about faithfulness. How do we know it's important to God?

We are going to dig into 7 key verses on Faithfulness in the Bible.

Deuteronomy 32:4 The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he.

"The Rock" God is unchanging. He is faithful to us. He isn't fickle like us and change with our feelings all too often like the seasons. God stands firm in His perfect and just ways.

How can we become firm and just like God? What are some areas you can see God wants you to become more firm in?

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Proverbs 3:3 Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart.

WOW! Now God's talking about outward and inward faithfulness - around your neck and the tablet of your heart. Not only are we to keep faithfulness near and dear to our heart. We should be meditating on it. But others should be able to see it in us. We should be oozing faithfulness - make it so they can't miss it in us. (See also Deuteronomy 6:4-9 and Jerimiah 31:33-34)

Are you focused on being faithful? How can you add it to your daily meditation and keep it on your heart?



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Lamentations 3:22-23 The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

This is something I want you to really let soak in. Truly meditate and memorize these words. “His steadfast love never ceases...great is your faithfulness.” Love, grace, mercy, goodness, forgiveness, truth, compassion and faithfulness - these are the characteristics we need to be focusing on and spending our time nurturing.

How often are we truly showing these characteristics to others? Or are we short, quick to judge and unforgiving? How can you give yourself a quick reminder to respond lovingly to others?

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Matthew 25:21 His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’

This verse is HUGE! Those words we long to hear right?! We are called to be faithful in the little things (not just the things we deem “big”). Be faithful in following through with what you say you’re going to do. Be faithful in the smallest of tasks. Prove - show - your faithfulness.

What “little thing” have you let slide because you didn’t look at it as a big deal? How can you change your view on this and reprioritize?



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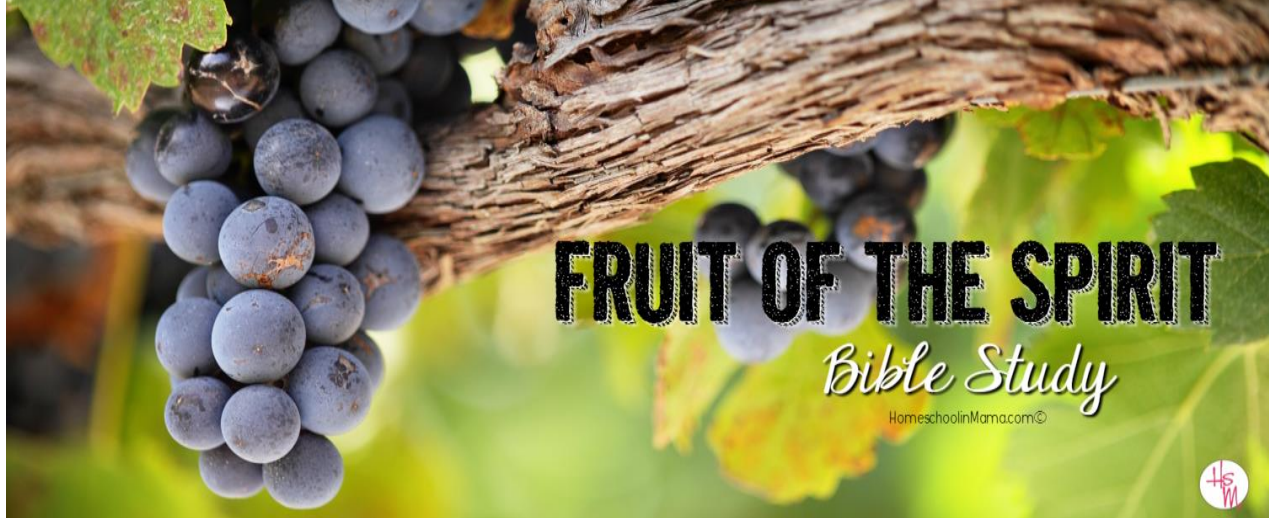
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Hebrews 10:23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

This verse makes me feel strong in Christ. It takes a strong person to persevere with all of our confidence in our God. For us to truly be faithful we need to be secure in our knowledge that God is faithful first. He leads us by example and we are to follow Him.

How do we become strong in God? What are some areas that you need to build your strength in Him?



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