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Unpacking the Fruits of the Spirit

#4 Faithfulness

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Join us as Vicar Jane
Lloyd explores the
Fruits of the Holy Spirit

What the Bible says about Faithfulness

"In all he does he is faithful and just" Ps 111.7

"Whoever is faithful in small matters" Lk 16.10
 "with faithfulness and love he leads all" Ps 25.10
 "and husbands and wives must be faithful" Heb 13.4
 "you punished me because you are faithful" Ps 119.75
 "Well done, you good and faithful servant!" Mt 25.23
 "The Lord rewards those who are faithful" 1 Sam 26.23
 "no one one earth as faithful and good as he" Job 1.8
 "be their faithful and merciful High Priest" Heb 2.17
 "There is no faithfulness or love in the land" Hos 4.1
 "If we are not faithful, he remains faithful" 2 Tim 2.13
 "rule the people with faithfulness and love" Is 16.5
 "and who shows great love and faithfulness" Ex 34.6
 "Surely the Lord looks for faithfulness" Jer 5.3
 "The Lord is faithful to his promises" Ps 145.13
 "you have not been faithful to me" Jer 3.20

"and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness" Rev 1.5

"your faithfulness extends to the skies" Ps 36.5
 "You faithfully keep your covenant" Neh 1.5
 "they were not faithful to their" Ps 78.37

"Does this mean that God will not be faithful?" Rom 3.3
 "and his faithfulness lasts for ever" Ps 110.5
 "Your God is faithful and true" Deut 32.4

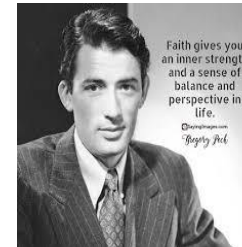
Famous quotes

Be **FAITHFUL**
 in small things
 because it is in them
 that our strength lies.
 -Mother Teresa
 photoswithquotes.com

If you truly
 love someone,
 being faithful
 is easy.
 Pinterest.com

Sometimes God lets you
 hit rock bottom so
 that you will discover
 that He is the rock
 at the bottom

Never give up
 on **God**
 because He
 never gives up
 on **you.**



Faith gives you
 an inner strength
 and a sense of
 balance and
 perspective in
 life.
 @christianity
 @Boggy Post

FAITH
 is like Wi-Fi,
 it's invisible but
 it has the power
 to connect you to
 what you need.

Vicar Jane reflects on generosity...

I think faithfulness to God is such a big call because it encompasses all aspects of our lives, and I touched upon some of this in the video, being faithful is an on-going process of learning and growing, sometimes we get it right and sometimes we don't. I'm very thankful that God forgives and that we as God's children have new starts and new opportunities.

One of the aspects of being faithful to God's ways, and living faithfully as a child of God, that has been important for me during this lockdown, has been hearing God's call to be generous. Generosity is a spiritual gift and both the church, and society in general, need people to be generous. God has given us so very much and calls us to be generous with what we have.

So, like many people, Tom and I had been giving to a UK based Christian charity for many years. It started when I married a bride who worked for them and I invited her to talk about the charity at a church service. The charity did much good work and helped many people. Over the years though we realized that we wanted to do something else, to help other people, so we stopped the standing order and reflected. On the way we adopted a few other charities but still looked for a Christian charity to help the most disadvantaged people. Our decision to support a charity to help refugees evolved out of prayer and conversation. We felt so pleased when the standing order was finalized, and we hope God is pleased to!

Where have you experienced ...

Reflections from Churchwarden Alan Wheeler on the Fruit of the Spirit, Kindness.

We have seen many acts of kindness during this pandemic.

On the television, Foodbanks being set up in schools and people making protective equipment for Health Workers to use.

Nearer to home, Judy or her staff from Food for Thought bakery delivering shopping and groceries to those people who are vulnerable and not able to get out. Beryl, one of the people in my Pastoral Care group at Church, is elderly (as are many) and only rides a bike (does not drive), and lives in nearby the One Stop shop. She does go in there for some items, but a lady from down her road is very kindly doing shopping for her (along with another person's), collecting a list from Beryl of what she wants. Beryl's sister - Alma - and her neighbour are doing her shopping. And so many more...

A few weeks ago now when talking with Chris, the Church Gardener, he was telling me that one of his customers is a Minister who lives in Sandbach. Chris had gone one Saturday morning to mow the grass, and the Minister said he had got to go out for some shopping. Chris had said that he should not be going out really, and as a result - each time Chris goes on a Saturday morning, he takes some shopping and provisions with him for the Minister, so that he has some food in. Chris gives his wife a list when she does their shopping, which he then takes with him to Sandbach, thus Chris not doing it himself another day.

There will be many more acts of kindness around which we never hear about. Let's not forget Tom fetching Vicar Jane a drink during the PCC Zoom Meeting, these things do not go unnoticed!

Prayer Labyrinth - Join us in a prayer of faith..

Each of us continue on our journey of faith. We invite you to follow the prayer labyrinth with your finger, pausing at each station, find a physical item or virtual one on the internet, and take a few moments to reflect and prayer.



Let us know where you have experienced the fruits of the holy spirit, we'd love to share your stories... you can contact Vicar Jane or send an email to contact.christchurchwheelock@gmail.com