

# Faithfulness is one of the <u>supreme</u> attributes, whether it's in marriage, friendship, or business

"Most men will proclaim each his own goodness, but who can find a faithful man?"

Who can find a faithful man or woman?

Proverbs 20:6

#### Examples of Faithful Men in the Bible

God found a faithful man in Moses
Numbers 12:7

Nehemiah found a faithful man in <u>Hananiah</u> Nehemiah 7:2

In the New Testament Jesus spoke of a faithful and wise servant, "Well done good and faithful servant" (see Matthew 25:21-23)

Old Faithful in Yellowstone
National Park



It's regular
It's consistent
It can be
Counted on



# One leader said that the greatest ability is <a href="decoration-dependability">dependability</a>

Daniel's faithfulness was illustrated in four areas

I. Daniel was consistently faithful at 85
Daniel has lived in Babylon since he was a teenager—about 70 years

Six kings have come and gone

One kingdom has gone and another has arisen

#### I. Daniel was consistently faithful at 85

He's still on the job—faithful

Serving the Lord

Faithfulness is doing the right thing over and over

#### II. Daniel was faithful professionally

In Daniel chapter 1 he had favor and good will
In Daniel chapter 2 King Nebuchadnezzar
promoted him

In Daniel chapter 5 Belshazzar set him as third ruler over the kingdom

Every boss he had saw the <u>competence</u> and <u>dependability</u> of Daniel

#### Faithfulness In the New Testament

Jesus said "You are the light of the world...let your light shine before men"

Matthew 5:14-16

The best place to be a light is at work Daniel had an excellent spirit/attitude Work hard, have a good attitude

# Ephesians 6:5-8

Slaves, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in the sincerity of your heart, as to Christ; 6 not by way of eye service, as menpleasers, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart.

## Ephesians 6:5-8

<sup>7</sup> With good will render service, as to the Lord, and not to men, <sup>8</sup> knowing that whatever good thing each one does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether slave or free.

#### III. Daniel was faithful under scrutiny

Daniel was clean but not without controversy
Chapter one controversy: won't eat foods that
would defile him

Chapter two controversy: told the king that his <a href="kingdom">kingdom</a> was coming down

#### III. Daniel was faithful under scrutiny

Chapter four controversy: told the king that he was prideful

Chapter five controversy: he was a <u>party</u> pooper In all controversy he distinguished himself above the <u>rest</u>

## IV. Daniel was faithful spiritually

It was the written law that he couldn't pray

He opened his window

Got on his knees

Prayed three times a day

## Points to ponder

Be faithful in the <u>little</u> things
How are you <u>managing</u> your life?
We are saved by grace but are rewarded according to our <u>faithfulness</u>
Work hard with an <u>excellent</u> spirit