

## Faithful

**Proverbs 11:13-A talebearer revealeth secrets: but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter.** (KJV)

The Lord is faithful to believers and keeps believers' prayers confidential. Believers are faithful when keeping confidential information to themselves. The contents of confessions are matters that require absolute confidentiality. Solid friendships depend on the faithfulness of the individuals in the relationship. Friendships develop and grow over time when faithfulness remains certain.

**Proverbs 13:17-A wicked messenger falleth into mischief: but a faithful ambassador is health.** (KJV)

Faithfulness in relationships facilitates the growth of the persons involved. The Lord God expects believers to be faithful from the time of Holy Baptism. Repentance and confession enable believers to begin anew in being faithful. When trust is broken in a relationship, it is most difficult to have trust restored. Confidence in friends and family members is important to relationship growth.

**Proverbs 14:5-A faithful witness will not lie: but a false witness will utter lies.** (KJV)

Believers are expected to demonstrate faithfulness with each other every day. When unity with God exists, faithfulness is possible in personal relationships. Christian principles applied to personal relationships foster growth and trust. Husbands and wives are expected to be completely faithful to each other. Constituents look to their governmental officials to faithfully perform their duties

**Proverbs 10:6-Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but a faithful man who can find?** (KJV)

Temptations and perils to the soul must be overcome for the believer to be faithful. Self-interests must be properly put aside for the good of building faithful relations. Serious believers examine the heart, mind and soul regarding faithfulness to God. The conscience will reveal to the person whether he or she is faithful to others. Restoring trust in relations when faithfulness is broken can take a very long time.

**Proverbs 25:13-As the cold of snow in the time of harvest, so is a faithful messenger to them that send him: for he refresheth the soul of his masters.** (KJV)

Being dependable and faithful in performing duties are the right actions to take. Faithful employers and employees create the most productive work environments. When deception exists in personal relationships it will eventually be uncovered. Faithfulness leads to joy among the persons sharing these healthy relationships. The Lord God's faithfulness to believers is the primary example to follow.

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