

9. Be Faithful in the Little Things

Many aspire, but few attain because they are unfaithful in the little things. Lorne Sanny, former president of the Navigators, has said that. Charlie Riggs was one of the few men he has ever worked with who could be counted on to carry through a request. Lorne could check it off as accomplished without ever going back to see if it was done. That challenges me tremendously, and I hope you also.

Can people say that about you? When you are given an assignment, when somebody's asked you to do something, can they mark it off as being completed? No matter how small it is - whether it's picking up a couple of postage stamps or mailing a letter - when people have asked you to do something, can they count on you to get it done? Are you faithful in that which is least? Jesus said there is no way He is going to give you greater responsibilities until you have proven yourself faithful in the little things.

Promotion, when it comes, doesn't come from others, it comes from God. "For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. But God is the judge: He putteth down one, and setteth up another" ([Psalm 75:6,7](#)). Make sure you commit yourself to faithfulness in even the smallest areas of responsibility.

- *Walt Henrichsen, from the talk 'Many Aspire, Few Attain'*

Be Faithful in the Little Things Daily Quiet Times

Date	Week 9
16-Jul	Luke 16:10
17-Jul	1 Corinthians 4:2
18-Jul	Proverbs 20:6
19-Jul	1 Samuel 15:17-19; 22-23
20-Jul	2 Corinthians 5:18-19
21-Jul	Colossians 3:23-25
22-Jul	Philippians 2:12-14

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PART 1

Passage(s) to Study

Faithfulness is one of the attributes of good steward. Hence, to be faithful is to be loyal, committed, involved, attached, and supporter to the course of the gospel. As a good steward we are expected to be steadfast and keep to the word of God under whatever circumstances we are in. God's will must be our goal always as faithful stewards. As stewards we must be faithful to our God, our leaders, our Pastors, our government, our families and our neighbors.

Read: Genesis 39:1-23 and write down 5-10 observations that you make about what how Joseph showed his faithfulness to God in all areas of his life and what the consequences were. Ask yourself if you are committed to making choices that please God, even when you know others aren't watching?

PART 2

Questions to Ponder

[Q] Have you ever considered why God has called us to be faithful not just in the 'big things' but in all areas of our lives? Write out 5-10 'little things' that Christians often overlook.

[Q] According to the following verses what does faithfulness look like? What are the thoughts that stick out to you from these verses? Write down specific areas where you are entrusted by God as a manager or steward. Evaluate your faithfulness in each area. What is the implication of Mathew 25:29 to you as God's steward?

Read: Proverbs 28:20; Matthew 25:45-46; Luke 16:10-13; 1 Corinthians 4:2, 15:58

[Q] Do I stick with a job or task until it is completed in the manner it should be? Do I do it cheerfully without grumbling or complaining? Am I dependable? Trustworthy? Loyal? Does it matter or even make a difference to keep the commitments that you make to God and to others? Ask yourself: **"If everyone were as faithful as I am, what would the body of Christ look like?"**

For further study: To help you consider the importance of faithfulness, use your concordance to look up some verses that address faithfulness or a lack of faithfulness. Then, spend time meditating on those verses, then record any observations or insights from them.

PART 3

Making it Stick

Write out 1-2 of the main things that God impressed upon you this week from your time reading the daily devotions on being faithful in the little things.

Write out in your own words a prayer to God asking him for a heart that is faithful in the little things for a lifetime. A sample has been provided below:

Prayer: *O God, forgive me for my laziness and lack of faithfulness in all areas of my life. Please create in me steadfastness and perseverance to be faithful in all areas of my life so that in all things you may receive the glory. In Jesus' Name. Amen.*

Recommended resources:

'The Devoted Life: An Invitation to the Puritan Classics' by **Kelly M. Kopic and Randall C. Gleason (Editors)**