THREE POWERFUL BENEFITS OF FAITHFULNESS
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Faithfulness Is A Great Help To Us In Our Walk Of Faith:

- To Be Decisive
- To Serve The Lord
- To Stand For The Lord
- To Prevent Us From Being Sidetracked
- To Be Steadfast
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There Are Great Things Ahead For Those Who Are Faithful To The Lord In Their Lives:

Matthew 25:21 (NIV) "... 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

The Master Called Trustworthy Servants—Faithful
The Faithful Take Seriously Their Responsibility To Use Their Talents, Gifts, Abilities To Bless Others
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- **5 Places Of Power That Will Lead To Benefits Of A Faithful Life**

1. Righteousness
2. Waiting and Surrender to the Lord
3. Praise
4. Faith
5. Prayer and Fasting
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- When God’s People Are Faithful In Impossible Situations -- They Find That All Things Are Possible For God
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Acts 12:6-7 (NIV) (6) The night before Herod was to bring him to trial, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries stood guard at the entrance. (7) Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him up. "Quick, get up!" he said, and the chains fell off Peter’s wrists.

Acts 12:11 (NIV) (11) Then Peter came to himself and said, "Now I know without a doubt that the Lord sent his angel and rescued me from Herod's clutches and from everything the Jewish people were anticipating."
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- Peter's Faithfulness Opened A Door For God To Show Him Favor
- The Favor Of The Lord On Peter Showed Up At The Most Opportune Moment
- Our Faithfulness Opens The Door To God’s Favor
Benefit #1 of Faithfulness is Favor

Favor is:

1. something done or granted out of goodwill
2. the state of being approved or held in regard
3. an excessive kindness
4. a preferential treatment
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- Psalm 30:5 (NIV) (5) For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.

- Godly Favor Is God's Kindness, Benevolence, & Blessing

- For The Righteous -- Favor With God Is Assured.
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- Overcoming Victory Awaits Those Who Face Bad Experiences With Faithfulness

- Psalm 5:12 (NIV) (12) For surely, O LORD, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield.

- Proverbs 12:2 (NIV) (2) A good man obtains favor from the LORD, but the LORD condemns a crafty man
In Living To Please God, We Operate Under His Favor

- **Hebrews 11:5 (NIV)** (5) By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death; he could not be found, because God had taken him away. For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God.

- **That Is What Living A Life That Is Pleasing To God Can Do**
Two Things Paul Said About Pleasing God

1 Thessalonians 2:4 (NIV) ...We are not trying to please men but God...

1 Thessalonians 4:1 (NIV) (1) Finally, brothers, we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more.

#1) It Is Possible To Live A Life That Is Pleasing To God

#2) We Need To Do This More And More.
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- In Order To Please God -- We Need To Be Like Jesus
- God’s Favor For Jesus Is Declared In The Gospels
- The Father Said “This Is My Son, In Whom I Am Well Pleased
- When We Are Christ-like His Favor Comes Upon Us As Well
"FAVOR is the special affection of God toward you that releases an influence on you, so that others are inclined to like you, or to cooperate with you."

God’s Favor Brings Peace To Life

Proverbs 16:7 (NIV) (7) When a man's ways are pleasing to the LORD, he makes even his enemies live at peace with him.
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God’s Favor Opens The Windows Of Heaven For Powerful Prayer:

1 John 3:21-22 (NIV) (21) Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God (22) and receive from him anything we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him.

His Anger Lasts Only A Moment, But His Favor Lasts A Lifetime
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- Benefit #2 For Faithfulness Is: Fruitfulness
- Faithfulness Brings Fruitfulness In The Life Of A Believer

- Walking In Faithfulness Can Impact Our Entire Life and Ensure That We are Productive, Fruitful And Blessed

- Fruitfulness = Productivity (i.e. Joseph)
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READ: John 15:1-8

(4) Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. (5) "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing
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7 THINGS WE KNOW ABOUT FRUITFULNESS FROM THIS PASSAGE

1. Following Christ Will Lead To A Fruitful Harvest
2. Only Branches That Are Connected To Christ Are Fruitful
3. We Cannot Produce Fruit Separated Or Independent Of Christ
4. Unproductive Branches Are Useless And Tossed Aside
5. Spiritual Fruit Is A By-Product Of Christ’s Presence
6. Every Believer Ought To Have A Fruit Harvest That Surfaces
7. When We Are Plugged Into Christ Fruit Production Will Not Stop
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- Fruitfulness Is About Increase / Productivity / Results
- We Can Be More Fruitful In Our Future Than We Have Been In Our Past -- As We Remain Connected To The Vine -- Jesus Christ
- There Is No Fruitfulness Apart From That Connection
- “I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing”
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- Faithfulness In Our Walk With God Will Lead Us To His Fullness
- Fullness Will Manifest Itself In An Overflowing And Abundant Life (In Many Areas Of Life)
- John 10:10 (NIV) (10) The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.
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- Fullness In Life = Abundance:
  - Having All You Need And Then Some
  - Overflow / Excess / Having Plenty + More
  - The Fullness Of God’s Presence That We Need For These Times That We Are Living In
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- In His Fullness We Are To Abound In God’s Glory, Grace, Hope, Love, and Salvation

- God’s Wisdom, Mercy, Grace, Compassion, Power and Might are Part Of The Fullness For Believers In Christ

- These Things Combined Are Aspects Of The Abundant Life-- It’s Everything We Need
The Idea Of **Fullness** = God Has **Completeness** / **Totality**

- God Gives Everything Its Ultimate Significance
- We Find All That We Need In Him
- Nothing Is Really Complete Until God Fills It
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- Connected To Him In Faithfulness We Can Have Full Life
- “Abundance” = Many Or Much / Increase / Multitude / Exceeding / Abounding
- Increasing In Magnitude / Greatly / Filled To Overflowing with Comfort
- To Exceed Beyond All Measure / A Far Above Overflow
- To Abound = To Have Abundance; To Be Abundant; To Be Abundantly Full
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- **Romans 15:13 (NIV)** (13) May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

- The Fullness Of God = The Gift of The Spirit’s Overflow
- Full Life Is Accessed In Connection w/ The Holy Spirit
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Definition of "Filled With the Holy Spirit":

A Fresh Empowerment Of The Spirit To Meet A Specific Need.
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Theologian Stanley Horton: “In terms of our Western understanding, if something has been filled, it cannot be filled more. But according to the Bible, a Spirit-filled believer may receive additional fillings with the Spirit. "One filling is not incompatible with another." …The new fillings impart to believers, spiritual power to face threats and dangers and to continue to bear witness to Jesus Christ.
Ephesians 5:18 (NIV) (18) Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.

“Filled” = Not A ‘One Time’ but An ‘Ongoing’ Filling

Be Filled And Keep On Being Filled
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- The Fullness That God Has For Us Will Powerfully Influence Our Worship, Our Relationships, Our Homes And Our Workplace
- Your Attitude Will Be Restored And Renewed
- Being Full Of The Holy Spirit Is A Continual State Of Being Controlled And Empowered By The Living God
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Results Of Being Filled To Overflowing

- Empowered To Live A Holy Life Committed To Christ
- Become Sensitive & Open To What God’s Spirit Wants
- A Sense Of God's Immediate Presence
- **Power:** For Witnessing – For Mighty Works – For Praying
  Powerful Prayers
There Are Three Incredible Benefits Of Faithfulness:

1. Favor
2. Fruitfulness
3. Fullness

We Can Have, We Need, We Want Them All! Favor, Fruitfulness & Fullness