

Faithful Servants

Scripture Reading — 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Now it is required that those who have been -given a trust must prove faithful.

1 Corinthians 4:2 —

God desires that we reflect his faithfulness. His Spirit wants to grow faithfulness in our lives so that increasingly we may become like Jesus. When the apostle Paul wrote to the believers in Corinth, he said that as servants of Christ, we have been entrusted with the “mysteries God has revealed.” Elsewhere Paul said we are like ordinary jars of clay into which God has stored a great treasure (see 2 Corinthians 4:7). These “mysteries” and “treasure” are, in fact, the message of the gospel (see Ephesians 3:4-6; Colossians 1:25-27). We are now ambassadors of Christ and heralds of the good news of God’s salvation in Christ. And those who have been given such a trust, Paul explains, “must prove faithful.”

Faithfulness has a lot to do with steadiness and dependability. Wishy-washy lives don’t please the Lord. To the half-hearted disciples living in Laodicea, Jesus wrote these words through John: “I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were -either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth” (Revelation 3:15-16).

What master wants servants who are half-faithful? When Jesus, our Master and Savior, returns, he will be looking for servants that have remained faithful, just as he has remained faithful to us.

Prayer

Father, help us to be faithful so that when Jesus returns, we will hear him say to us, “Well done, good and faithful servant!” In his name we ask this. Amen.

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