



GOD REWARDS THE FAITHFUL

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God rewards the faithful.

A faithful person will be richly blessed, but one eager to get rich will not go unpunished.

Proverbs 28:20 NIV

What does a faithful person look like?

¹⁴Again, the Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of a man going on a long trip. He called together his servants and entrusted his money to them while he was gone.... ¹⁹After a **LONG TIME** their master returned from his trip and called them to give an account of how they had used his money. ²⁰The servant to whom he had entrusted the five bags of silver came forward with five more and said, 'Master, you gave me five bags of silver to invest, and I have earned five more.' ²¹The master was full of praise. 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been **FAITHFUL** in handling this **SMALL** amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!'"

Matthew 25:14, 19-21 NLT

- **Being faithful has nothing to do with talent or ability. God promotes the faithful.**

1. The faithful understand the need for endurance.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.

Hebrews 12:1 NLT

2. The faithful must run their own race.

¹Don't worry about the wicked or envy those who do wrong. ²For like grass, they soon fade away. Like spring flowers, they soon wither. ³Trust in the LORD and do good. Then you will live safely in the land and prosper.

Psalms 37:1-3 NLT

