

God's Expectations of You

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(2 Timothy 2:1) You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

(2 Timothy 2:2) And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

To know your destination in life is to have a destiny.

True success is the knowledge of knowing your final destination.

Your success in life is found in **God's expectations** for you.

Three things that God expects of you.

1. God expects **FAITHFULNESS**.

What is exactly faithful? How do you measure faithful?

1. **Stead-fast** – You are confirmed. You are not on both side of the fence.
2. **Dedicated** – Committed to what you want to do.
3. **Dependable** – Others can depend on you when needed.
4. **Worthy to be trusted** – Others know that they can trust you.

Because the One who expects you to be faithful, He is faithful Himself.

(Deuteronomy 7:9) Therefore know that the Lord your God, **He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations** with those who love Him and keep His commandments;

(Psalms 36:5) Your mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens; Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

God also wants you to have the above four characteristics.

Faithfulness is measured **when it is most inconvenience**.

Faithfulness is measured **when no one is watching**.

(Philippians 2:12) Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much **more in my absence**, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;

(Philippians 2:13) for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

Faithfulness is measured **when it is most dangerous to be faithful**.

“When the odds are against you, will you do it?”

*“When God has blessed you with **everything**, will you still be faithful to the very first dream, vision and calling that God has you in the first place?”*

Stay faithful in your bible reading, praying, fasting – these are God’s expectation. Those are your foundation.

Only having true faithfulness then you can find pleasure in God.

“What is a true rest?” **Faithfulness in God.**

It will never be enough but **God will be more than enough.**

2. God expects FRUITFULNESS.

(Matthew 25:14) "For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them.

(Matthew 25:15) And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each **according to his own ability**; and immediately he went on a journey.

God don’t expect you to produce more than you can. But He expects you to produce all that you can that He has invested into you.

In people’s desire to be faithful, they tend to miss the big picture. God’s idea of faithfulness leads to fruitfulness.

God wants you to be faithful so one day you will be fruitful.

Fruitfulness is making steps to your destiny.

(Ephesians 1:4) just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love,

The above verse says that God created you **first before** creating the world. He already expected you then build the world for you!

(Matthew 21:43) "Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it.

If you want to bare fruits, **there is no need to look elsewhere.** **You** can be the very person that God gives you abundance and fruitfulness.

Key is ... *“Learn to be faithful than be fruitful.”*

3. God expects FAITH.

Faith is the very epitome of whatever success you want in life.

(Mark 11:22) So Jesus answered and said to them, "**Have faith in God.**

(Mark 11:23) For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.

(Mark 11:24) Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.

Jesus is trying to say you must be **bold** enough to dream. **Take risk** in doing things.

Lack of boldness and excitement to take on risks will stop you from promoting in life.

What is faith?

(Hebrews 11:33) who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,

(Hebrews 11:34) quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

Have a mentality of "***It can be done!***"

Conclusion ...

You will attend the success of life of what God planned for you when you meet God's expectation of:

- **FAITHFULNESS**
- **FRUITFULNESS**
- **FAITH**

View success not in the eyes of the world but in the eyes of God.

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