

THEME: FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP FOR THE WEALTHY PLACE
TOPIC: THE LAW OF FAITHFULNESS – THE FOUNDATION OF INCREASE
TEXT: LUKE 16:10-12, MATTHEW 25:21, PROVERBS 28:20

INTRODUCTION

THE LAW OF FAITHFULNESS is one of the most consistent spiritual principles in the entire Bible. It's not a single verse — it's a pattern, a rhythm, a divine law that governs how God entrusts, promotes, and multiplies.

Faithfulness means steadfast reliability, unwavering loyalty, and trustworthiness, reflecting God's unchanging character and His commitment to His promises, while also being a core quality expected in believers, demonstrated through consistent obedience, devotion, and keeping one's word, even in difficult times. It is the gateway to favour, fruitfulness, and greater responsibility.

- Faithfulness is the foundation of divine promotion
- Faithfulness is tested in the small, hidden, and ordinary
- Faithfulness is obedience without applause
- Faithfulness attracts God's multiplication
- Faithfulness is the measure of trustworthiness
- The law of faithfulness leads to the reward of fruitfulness

The Core Truth on 'The Law of Faithfulness'

God does not test you with abundance **first; He tests you with little.**

The pattern runs through Scripture. It's a spiritual principle woven into how God shapes people.

- In scripture, people are often entrusted with small tasks before larger missions.
- In life, employers, mentors, and even relationships work the same way: prove yourself in the small things.

1. Faithfulness in the small things

Jesus teaches this directly: In other words, God watches how you handle the "little" — time, money, opportunities, responsibilities — before entrusting you with more. Small things reveal the heart more clearly than big blessings.

2. God forms character before He gives capacity

Throughout the Bible, God prepares people in obscurity or scarcity before elevating them.

- David was faithful with sheep before he was trusted with a kingdom.
- Joseph managed a prison before he managed a nation.
- Moses tended sheep in the wilderness before leading Israel.
- Jesus lived 30 quiet years before His public ministry.

God shapes character before He expands influence. God uses "little" to refine motives, strengthen dependence, and build humility.

Teaching Emphasis on 'The Law of Faithfulness' - 1 Corinthians 4:2

- Faithfulness precedes fruitfulness
- Increase is a reward system, not a prayer request

PS: “You don’t pray for increase; you qualify for it.”

1. God values faithfulness before visible results

- Jesus teaches this principle plainly: Notice He doesn’t say “successful servant” or “productive servant.”
- He celebrates faithfulness, and then entrusts more. Fruitfulness is the outcome; faithfulness is the qualification.

2. Faithfulness is the soil where fruit grows

In the word, fruit is always connected to abiding, not striving.

Jesus says: Remaining — staying, abiding, being faithful — comes first.

Fruit is the natural consequence of a rooted life.

Key Illustration – A faithful employee is promoted; an unfaithful one is replaced. Heaven operates by the same system.

Case Study – The Neglected Account

A business owner prays for growth but cannot track expenses accurately. When given an investor opportunity, he fails due diligence.

Discussion Points

1. Why does God start people with “little” before “much”?
2. What habits prove faithfulness in small finances?
3. How does unfaithfulness delay promotion?
4. Can prayer replace faithfulness? Why or why not?
5. What “little” is God watching in your life right now?

Action Step – Take inventory of your life today. Write down everything you typically think of as “yours” – home, money, job, time, skills. Then, prayerfully offer each item back to God, asking Him to guide you in how to steward it for His glory.

DECLARATION

“I am faithful in little, therefore I qualify for much.”

CONCLUSION

If you can be faithful, wise, and grounded when you have little, you’re far more likely to stay that way when you have much.

God delights in taking what is small and multiplying it — but only after the heart is aligned with Him.

Fruitfulness is never the starting point. It’s the reward of a life that stays steady, obedient, and rooted in God. Faithfulness is your offering while Fruitfulness is God’s response.

Faithfulness is your responsibility. Fruitfulness is God’s response.