

QUALITIES OF FAITHFULNESS

In the chart below you are invited to reflect on different aspects of faithful relationship: note your thoughts in the light of your own relationship with God and others.

QUALITIES OF FAITHFULNESS	BIBLICAL EXAMPLES OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS	BLESSINGS AND CHALLENGES IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS
Loyalty	Nothing in all creation can separate us from God's love for us in Christ Jesus our Lord! <i>Romans 8:39</i>	
Devotion	The Lord is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made. <i>Psalms 145:13</i>	
Trustworthiness	If we are faithless, he will remain faithful, for he cannot disown himself. <i>2 Timothy 2:13</i>	
Steadfastness	The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. <i>Lamentations 3:22-24</i>	
Commitment	Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. <i>Isaiah 55:3</i>	
Dedication	God has said, "I will never leave you; I will never abandon you." <i>Hebrews 13:5</i>	
Dependability	When they cried out for help, you saved them, and you did not let them down when they depended on you. <i>Psalms 22:5</i>	

Spend a moment in quietness and reflection; ask God to draw near, and use this verse as a prayer.

Open my eyes to see
the miracles in your teachings.

Psalms 119:18

Consider each aspect of faithful relationship; reflect on the examples of God's faithfulness. Take time to examine honestly the quality of your relationships, asking God to strengthen your loyalty and commitment to those with whom you relate.

Make a list of the different types of relationships in your life:
Personal; family; work; church; Mothers' Union; community.....

Consider whether the category into which a relationship fits has any implications for the strength of the commitment you give?

Where helpful, lay these relationships before God in prayer; ask for the spiritual resources to mirror something of God's perfect faithfulness in your own relationships.

Reflect on your own relationship with God. In what ways can you show faithfulness to God?

Consider the practical ways that you can show these qualities in your relationships.

There may be times where you have been hurt by others who have not shown these qualities in their relationship with you. If you feel able, bring these hurts to God. Pray for healing and strength to show forgiveness.

You may find it helpful to pray through these issues with someone you trust and with whom you feel comfortable.