

## **THE GREATEST ABILITY (Hebrews 10:23)**

God is faithful. He always does whatever He says He will do. All of God's creation depend on His faithfulness, the stars and planets, the weather, the plants and animals all depend on God. Only human beings have a hard time trusting in God and His dependability to do exactly what He says He will do.

**Dependability** – faithful, trustworthy, reliable, and sure. (Greek translation).

### **How Dependable Are We**

A. When we give our word or promise to do something, can others always count on us to do what we say even if it becomes more difficult than first expected?

B. If we experience unexpected difficulties do we use them as excuses for not completing the task?

C. Do we do things for others for self gratification or praise or do we do things for the love of God?

D. Can family, friends, church members, the pastor, count on us to turn down better and more pleasant opportunities in order to fulfill our promise to them?

E. Can the Lord depend on us to make the wisest choices with the resources He entrusts us with?

### **Characteristics Of Dependability**

**Matthew 25:21** All believers should desire this trait in our lives because the Lord will use this quality to evaluate our service for Him during our Christian walk.

**I Corinthians 4:2** Being dependable is the quality that God requires of those to whom He entrusts His resources and the thing that will show how much we will be entrusted with in His Kingdom.

**I Samuel 2:35** A dependable believer is one that seeks after the heart of God to do His will only.

**Nehemiah 7:2** A person that is dependable for the Lord will show great reverence and fear of God.

**Luke 16:10** The dependable Christian will be faithful in the small, everyday things that happen to us daily so if and when God has something big for us to do He knows he can depend on that person.

### **Motives For Dependability**

**Matthew 25:23; Luke 19:17** Those that are dependable in service for the Lord will receive special honor and praise from the Lord and will rule with Him in a capacity according to their faithfulness.

**Philippians 2:19-21** Here we see how Timothy was a man of integrity and dependability in helping Paul in the ministry. Paul trusted that Timothy's motive was the same as Paul's in helping others.

**II Corinthians 5:10** We should all be motivated to be dependable to the Lord's work because He will evaluate our service for others and His church when we stand before Him.

**Luke 12:42-43** We should be motivated to be dependable every day because of Christ's soon return.

### **Power For Dependability**

**Galatians 2:20; Philippians 4:13** Our dependability is directly dependent on God. We can only do what He will allow us to do and have the right motive and outcome that He approves of.

**II Corinthians 12:10** Most believers make excuses for not serving or being dependable. Paul makes it clear that God isn't looking for smart, strong, or brave people to be dependable in their service.