

# Your Passion & Perseverance Equals Your FAITHFULNESS.

Passion is measured in GRIT. Perseverance is measured in DIFFICULTY. Faithfulness is measured in ATTITUDE about both.

Jesus says in Matthew 25: 21 (KJV)..”His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.”

This passage represents what we as Christians are waiting to hear the Lord say concerning our service. Faithfulness is the coveted word we all want to hear.

PASSION is measured in GRIT. Grit is demonstrated in how you persevere for a long time period moving towards a meaningful goal.

In your discussion time today, share something you are passionate about that includes overcoming great obstacles you had to face. This is not about experiencing intense emotions. It’s about your commitment to keep pushing forward because of your commitment to achieving a goal.

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To reach any goal, you have to have unyielding courage in the firmness of MIND and SPIRIT in the face of hardships to survive. In your situation, guess how many people have given up? \_\_\_\_\_ in comparison to those who made it through.

For example, the number of pastors that gave up last year was 1500 pastors in the USA every month.

It’s not about working really hard, it’s about working on something that you love and you continue to do because it has so much meaning to you.

Christ loves you. He suffered much to allow you to live. How much are you willing to go through for the Lord?

Psalms 116: 12-19 (ESV) reads...”What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord, I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds. I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!”

What will you do because of your love?

- A. Lift up my cup of salvation by calling on the Name of the Lord. What's His name?  
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- B. Pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people.
- C. Demonstrate a life of serving the Lord.
- D. Offer the SACRIFICE OF THANKSGIVING.
- E. Pay my vows to the Lord in the HOUSE OF THE LORD. What's the difference between the first and second vow? \_\_\_\_\_
- F. Praise the Lord.

Read the Parable of the Talents in Matthew 25th chapter verses 14-30.

Faithfulness points towards ATTITUDE in this parable. Either you're faithful or you're not. There is no in between when it comes to FAITHFULNESS.

What you are given is not the issue, it's the attitude you have with what you're given. What you do with what you've been given is the issue.

Your reaction to what you've been given is the level of your FAITHFULNESS. The Lord's response towards your faithfulness is found in your attitude in the situation.

Review vv. 24-25 (ESV)...**24** He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, **25** so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.'

This servant of the Lord refused to do anything. He/she received but complained about his responsibility.

How do you feel about what God has given you?

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