Consistency OF GOD

Great Is Thy Faithfulness…

Apostle Paul is teaching us about being steadfast, loyal to our ministries, as workers for Jesus Christ, despite enduring hardships, trials, and tribulations, that may be in our way or coming our way for the sake of the gospel...

Handling the word of God with truth and integrity.

- Everyone will not believe in you and/or the vision God has given you and that is okay but as long as you stand on the word of God, that's all that matters.
- As long as you keep God as your reason, and your why. That is all that matters.

We serve a consistent God and He wants us to stop being so fickle meaning changeable in our affections and/or loyalties in the body of Christ, our service toward Him and He want us to stop being so temperamental meaning having unreasonable mood swings that doesn't make you a liable source in the house of the Lord.

- God cares about what we do in the House of The Lord. God cares about how we walk through those doors; He cares about what we're thinking, He cares about us being consistent with the gifts He has given us all.

Paul instructs Timothy to remember Jesus, who suffered for our salvation but was resurrected to be back with our Father, and to pass this message on to others, to us… to be an approved worker who is not ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

- The passage warns against getting sidetracked by pointless arguments over words, urging believers instead to be like a worker approved by God.
- **The gospel is the foundation:** and this passage serves as a reminder to us that a believer's strength and ability to do good works come from our union with Christ Jesus, and not from ourselves. It is crucial to remember who Christ is and what He has done.

God sent His only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ to teach us how to be consistent in our everyday lives. Jesus never changed into Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, when circumstances came His way. When the people did not believe in Him, He stayed the same from the beginning of time.

God wants us to be consistent in our walk as Believers; with our faith; with our actions, with our works, with our prayer life, with our study time, God wants us to be consistent with Him, and within the church.

God cares about this church and where it is headed. God cares about what we're doing with the little that we have. God cares about why we come here to Faith Foundation Church…

Are you coming for Pastor or are you coming for God. Are you serving for self or are you serving for God. Your why should always be a consistent why and that is God!

There's two ways you can look at the definition of being "Consistent"

- ***The unchanging nature of God : Malachi 3:6 KJV; [6] For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore, ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.***
    - He has always been consistent in His Character, His demeanor, His favor, and His love for us.

If you need a mentor, try God…. He is the One who is reliable, steadfast, and unchanging in His character, promises, and purposes.

He is the only One who is constantly >>>

- **Saving and rescuing us from being**
    - **enslaved within our minds,**
    - **bringing us across the red seas in our lives, and**
    - **He is constantly coming after us when we try to run like Jonah.**
    - **He intervenes in our lives like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, Rahab, Daniel, Joseph, Esther, and so many others.**
    - **God cares about where we are headed.**
- **He is always Guiding and protecting us:**
    - Through our physical and spiritual journeys, by any means necessary.

- **Through scriptures:**
- **Through prayer:**
- **Through others:**
- **Through Divine Protection:**
- **Through Peace and Victory.**

- **He always knows when to Restore and renew us and the things that is meant to be in our lives:**
- **He is the only one who knows how to Communicate to us all as individuals and corporately:**

- **He is always Showing grace and forgiveness:** Despite our repeated sin and failure, God consistently offers forgiveness and extended grace to each and every one of us.
- **He is always Showing unconditional love for all of humanity.** He does not pick and choose who He loves and we cannot either.
  - **Sister Dorothy Holt always say something to this effect… I can love you I just don't have to like you!** LOL!

The same God that created the heaven and the earth, the same God that allowed His spirit to move across the face of the waters is the same God that stresses

- ***The importance of believers being consistent in their faith and actions. James 1:22 states, "22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves." Meaning listening to God's word without putting it into practice is self-deception***

Apostle Paul wrote the second book of Timothy while in prison for his faith but even while in prison He applied the word of God in His life and continued to minister and teach until the end of time. He didn't just practice the word; he applied the word within His actions, His words, His service and through His faith….

Are you applying the word of God in your life and truly living by it…. today

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Paul was chained like a criminal, begin bound like a thief because of the word of God … because he always **Remembered Jesus Christ and what He had done over the course of time. (v. 8-11)**

- We will be mocked, discriminated against, falsely accused and
- We will be stripped and nailed to our own cross because of our faith and belief in God. But what God needs to know is…
  - Can you hold on to the word of God when you're facing unbearable pain?
  - Can you hold on to the word of God when no one believes in you or what you do?
  - Can you hold on to the word of God, give the word and truth of God when your back is against the wall?
  - Life is going to happen, but God's word will get you through.

This is why God wants us to be consistent with His word because it will build deeper roots of faith within our hearts. It will build up our character. Living by faith and trusting in God will help us through spiritual dryness and hardship seasons. Paul is a true example of walking by faith.

- We must learn how to demonstrate faith over our feelings,
- Discipline over disorder
- Wisdom over foolishness

If we do not live as God has called us to live in obedience to His word we will be punished by God.

1. If we do not handle the word of God with truth and correctly, we will be punished by God.
2. If we're not faithful unto Him, if we do no love as He has loved us, if we deny Him and His word, He will deny us…

Despite our unfaithfulness, God remains faithful unto us… why because he cannot deny his own nature. A consistent God we serve.
Timothy is instructed to constantly remind people of these truths and to warn them against pointless arguments over words, which are harmful and unproductive.

- Are we taking the word to heart and really applying it in our everyday life.

The last thing Paul said in the verses we read was… Present yourself to God as one who is approved by him and diligently work as God has worked for you…

When you serve a consistent God, you will endure everything so He may be glorified in all things.

When you serve a faithful God, you have no problem believing and telling others with boldness and confidence the word of God and His Truth,

Faithfulness + Consistency + Obedience = Eternal Life

God knows we have some faith, God knows we can be obedient, but can we be consistent at all times… consistent in preparations, services, love, with our time, with Him.

There are 7 Benefits of Being Consistent with God

1. **We know more about ourselves when we spend consistent time with God- Psalm 139:13-16 MSG**
2. **We can only bear fruit when we spend consistent time with God as we see in John 15:4-5 KJV**
3. **Spending Consistent time with God means that we abide under the shadow of the Almighty- Psalm 91:1 KJV**
4. **Spending Consistent time with God allows us to win the war in our minds- 2 Corinthians 10:5 KJV**
5. **Spending consistent time with God makes us more productive. Joshua 1:8 NIV**
6. **We generally become wiser when we are consistent with God: Proverbs 2:6**
7. **When we spend time with God, we are able to trust Him easily- Psalms 37:5**

Paul said do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth… Meaning to study to avoid errors, so you may teach your family, your friends, and the body of Christ the word of God.

I want to be approved by God, don't you?

1. I want Him to see my wholehearted efforts of trying to grow spiritually and mentally in His word.
2. I want Him to see that I am not ashamed to talk about the goodness Of Jesus Christ and All He has done for me…
3. I want Him to see the word of Our Lord and Savior being lived out in my life.
4. I want God to see His Son Jesus Christ within me… don't you!

I want God to see me and approve of me daily because He has truly been faithful to me, He has always been consistent in my life.
We serve a faithful God whose:

1. love and mercy are new every morning.
2. We serve a faithful God who is a constant help in the time of trouble
3. who keeps on making a way, over and over again
4. who keeps His promises
5. who is trustworthy
6. whose word is unchanging
7. Who constantly provides all our basic needs. Food, shelter, clothes, water, electricity
1. We serve a faithful God who constantly protects us from dangers seen and unseen.
2. Who is constantly our source of patience, endurance, and strength when difficult times arise.

He's always given us a word when we need it the most… He always comforts us when no one was around to comfort us… I don't know about you but

1. I need His love in my life
2. I need His joy in my life
3. I need His purpose 4. His meaning
5. His why in my life
6. I need His forgiveness in my life
7. I need His peace
8. His strength
9. His partnership in my life
10. I need His grace, mercy, and favor in my life
11. I need the blood of Jesus over my life…

Great is Thy Faithfulness, God is reliable love, God is my answered prayers, God is my refuge, Great Is Thy faithfulness…

Thank You Lord for being constant joy in my life.