

Today's Theme

“Long Term Thinking”

Series Title:

“Staying Encouraged”

Part 25 10/18/20

One: *Trust The Right Things*

What Trust Means:

Trusting *assumes* something is *reliable*.

Trusting places *confidence* in *another*.

Trusting means we feel *safe* physically & emotionally.

What *trusting* God means:

-While facing *life* in a *real* way.

-We *continue* to *turn* to Him.

-And *away* from *naysayers*.

What Are The Right Things

1. RT's *start* with *Jesus*.

John 1:12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—

2. RT's are to *listen* to Him & *follow* Him.

John 10:27 My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

3. RT's are to be *good people*.

Gal 6:10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

4. RT's are to *live* a life of *love*.

John 13:34 “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

One: *Trust The Right Things* Two: *Be Faithful To Those RT's*

What Faithful Means:

Faithfulness is the act of being *loyal* or *devoted*.

Faithful is *standing* by our *promises*.

When We're Faithful To The RT's

1. When faithful *Jesus* ends up *honored*.

1 Cor 4:2 Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.

2. When faithful we *reap* well.

Galatians 6:7 Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.

3. When faithful it *builds* a *great* life.

Proverbs 25:13 Like the coolness of snow at harvest time is a trustworthy messenger to those who send him; he refreshes the spirit of his masters.

Matthew 25:21 “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!’

Two Things for Us To Be Encouraged.

1. One: *Trust* the *right* things!

2. Two: *Be faithful* to those right things!

3. Otherwise we *end up*:

-*Questioning* things *regularly*.

-*Doubting* ourselves *often*.

-*Chasing* things *constantly*.

-*Never* finding *contentment*.

-*Worn out* in the life we live.

-*Finally cynical & sour*.

4. As we learn LTT life *settles down*.

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