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Love And Faithfulness

I want to live a life of love and faithfulness. **Why is that?** You lived a life of love and faithfulness. **How did I live a life of love?** You loved the unlovable. You forgave the unforgivable. No one was outside the bounds of your love. No one was beyond your reach. No one could not receive your forgiveness. Your love was not some untested theory. Your love was costly. Your love was sacrificial. Your love had no limits. Your love was put into practice. Your love was on display. You humbled yourself and came into this world to die on a cross so that my sins could be forgiven, and my unrighteousness cleansed. Your love made it so I could be adopted into your family. Your love made it possible for me to live in a new and intimate relationship with God. I now love you, because you first loved me. I want to keep on living in your love. I want your love to flow in and through me. To sum it all up, I want to be like you. I want to love others just as you have loved me. **That is very good.**

Why do you want to live a life of faithfulness? I want to live a life of faithfulness because I love you. I want to live a life that is pleasing to you. I want to live the life you have called me to live. I want to go where you guide me. I want to do what you ask me. Again, you are my example. **How am I your example?** You were faithful. You didn't retreat. You didn't give up. You didn't quit. You kept on moving forward despite the most difficult and challenging of circumstances. You endured temptation. You faced rejection. You suffered persecution. You were faithful to do everything your Heavenly Father asked you to do for Him. This even as you suffered and died on the cross. Nothing could thwart you from completing your mission. You remained entirely faithful. **Yes, I did.** I want to remain faithful just as you were faithful. **That is very good.**

What is your prayer? Without your help, I know that I cannot love like you loved. Without your strength, I know I cannot remain faithful as you were faithful. So, I am asking for your help to love like you loved and to be faithful like you were faithful. There is something else I know. **What's that?** You will certainly help me to love like you loved and be faithful like you were faithful. I have no doubt. I am filled with faith. **That is very good.** You will hear and answer this prayer. **Yes, I will.**

Lord, this is the life I want to live. This is the kind of life you lived. You lived a life of love and faithfulness. You loved those who were thought to be unlovable. You were faithful in the most difficult and challenging of circumstances. Help me to be loving and faithful. Amen

Becoming Like Christ *A Good Name*

Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man.

NIV Proverbs 3:3-4

Becoming Like Christ *Good Success*

Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man.

ESV Proverbs 3:3-4

Becoming Like Christ *A Good Reputation*

Never let loyalty and kindness leave you! Tie them around your neck as a reminder. Write them deep within your heart. Then you will find favor with both God and people, and you will earn a good reputation.

NLT Proverbs 3:3-4

Becoming Like Christ *High Esteem*

Let not mercy and truth forsake you; Bind them around your neck, Write them on the tablet of your heart, *And* so find favor and high esteem In the sight of God and man.

NKJV Proverbs 3:3-4

Becoming Like Christ *Good Repute*

Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favor and good repute in the sight of God and of people.

NRSV Proverbs 3:3-4

Becoming Like Christ *A Reputation*

Don't lose your grip on Love and Loyalty. Tie them around your neck; carve their initials on your heart. Earn a reputation for living well in God's eyes and the eyes of the people.

MSG Proverbs 3:3-4

Becoming Like Christ *High Esteem*

Let not mercy and kindness [shutting out all hatred and selfishness] and truth [shutting out all deliberate hypocrisy or falsehood] forsake you; bind them about your neck, write them upon the tablet of your heart. So shall you find favor, good understanding, *and* high esteem in the sight [or judgment] of God and man.

AMP Proverbs 3:3-4

Becoming Like Christ *A Reputation*

Never tire of loyalty and kindness. Hold these virtues tightly. Write them deep within your heart. If you want favor with both God and man, and a reputation for good judgment and common sense,

TLB Proverbs 3:3-4

Becoming Like Christ *Good Repute*

Do not let kindness and truth leave you; Bind them around your neck, Write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favor and good repute In the sight of God and man.

NASB Proverbs 3:3-4

Becoming Like Christ *Be Respected*

Don't ever forget kindness and truth. Wear them like a necklace. Write them on your heart as if on a tablet. Then you will be respected and will please both God and people.

NCV Proverbs 3:3-4

A Good Name

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Becoming Like Christ – Proverbs 3:3-4

In Context: *Read Proverbs 3*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God’s Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture:

(What prayer from your heart will you write?)

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What It Means:

(What questions speak to your heart?) *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

Who do you know that continually lives a life of love and faithfulness?

How are you making it your daily practice to continually live a life of love and faithfulness?

When has it been most difficult to love an unlovable person?

How has the Lord made you able to love an unlovable person?

When has it been most difficult to remain faithful in challenging circumstances in life?

How has the Lord helped you to remain faithful in the most difficult and challenging of circumstances?

How has living a life of love and faithfulness brought you favor with God and good success with mankind?

Living It Out:

(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)

Make it your daily practice to continually live a life of love and faithfulness.

Seeing It Happen:

(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)

Have faith that living a life of love and faithfulness will bring you favor and good success with God and man.

Get Ready To Share:

(What can you share with others from your heart?)

Share with another person or your small group how you are living a life of love and faithfulness.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

A Good Name

Proverbs 3

Year ____ Week ____ Day ____ Date ____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you continually live a life of love and faithfulness.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, help me to continually live a life of love and faithfulness.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I continually live a life of love and faithfulness today?
