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TOPIC: FIVE CHARACTERISTICS OF A DEPENDABLE
CHURCH LEADER AND WORKER

STUDY I: FAITHFULNESS

TEXT: I CORINTHIANS 4:1-2

INTRODUCTION:

A worker is not just someone who is busy doing something in the house of God but he is a man or woman who has made Christ his/her Lord and Master with submission, consecration and commitment with his/her life, gifts and resources. From this definition, it is clear that anyone without Christ is not qualified to be a worker in God's vineyard (the church).

A leader is a person who goes first (is seen at the fore front) among a group of people to conduct or lead them in a course in terms of excellence or success because he has been given the authority to direct to do so.

To be dependable simply means to be relied upon. To be a worker or a leader who can be relied upon anytime, any day, there are certain qualities that must be evident in your life. One of these qualities is **Faithfulness**.

WHAT IS FAITHFULNESS?

Faithfulness is the act of being loyal to a person or a course. It means knowing and doing what is to be done, where to do it, when to do it and how to do it. Our text for this study explicitly reveals that **faithfulness** is a requirement for stewardship. In other words, anyone who is not faithful is not qualified to be a worker or a leader in the church. Faithfulness is required in God's work as much as having five O' Level credits is in university admission. From this, we can see that any student who gets a university admission with five credits has done nothing special or beyond normal but has only just met a basic requirement. Faithfulness is a basic requirement for a worker's admission into God's workforce.

From the above definition of faithfulness, there are four key words to be critically considered:

➤ **WHAT?**

For a worker to be faithful, he or she must be able to answer the question "What?" This means that he must be able to define his primary assignment or responsibility in God's vineyard. Until you can correctly define what your duties are, you cannot be faithful in that field. In John 1:19-23, when the Jews sent the Priests and Levites to ask John who he was and what his assignment was, he clearly declared that he was not the Christ but that his assignment was simply to prepare the way for Christ's coming. He was the voice crying in the wilderness. He understood his "what". Do you understand yours?

NOTE:

- Write out or say your basic responsibilities in your unit. If you can't clearly state your responsibilities, then ask your HOD or Pastor to educate you.

➤ WHERE?

This is about place. A faithful worker must know where to be per time. For example, a faithful choir member should not be rehearsing at home when he or she is expected to be in church rehearsing with other choristers.

➤ WHEN?

This involves time. A faithful worker must stick to time and not go late to meetings.

➤ HOW?

This has to do with mannerism. There is a "how" to every assignment. It is not enough to work in a unit but it is very necessary for one to know how to go about doing things in that unit by learning better ways of doing them.

CONCLUSION:

There is no alternative to faithfulness. It is the hallmark of dependable workers. God needs workers He can depend on any day, any time. The reason is that He wants to do a lot things with you. Pay attention to your "what, where, when and how". As you do this, God will fix your name on His list of faithful workers and will cause you to sing a new song this year 2019 in His mighty name.