

Stewardship is the responsible management and care of something that has been entrusted to you, not owned by you

Consistency is the quality of showing up, behaving, and performing in a regular, stable, and predictable way over time.

Consistency is what turns intentions into character and plans into results: it's the repeated, steady application of effort or principle.

1) Faithfulness starts with stewardship: Use what God put in your hands

1 Corinthians 4:2 (NKJV) Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.

Luke 16:10 (NKJV) He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much.

Luke 16:11 (NKJV) Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?

Matthew 25:14–21 (summary) The faithful servants “put it to work,” The unfaithful buried theirs.

Matthew 25:24 (NKJV) “Then he who had received the one talent came and said, ‘Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed.

Matthew 25:26 (NKJV) “But his lord answered and said to him, ‘You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed.

Matthew 25:28 (NKJV) So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents.

Practical application:

- List what's “in your hand” right now (skills, influence, resources, open doors).
- Pick one thing to steward this week with excellence and consistency.
- Ask: “What would it look like to multiply this for the Kingdom?”

“A little thing is a little thing, but faithfulness in little things is a great thing.”

— J. Hudson Taylor

2) Faithfulness costs something: sacrifice + commitment + endurance

Romans 12:1 (NKJV) I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

Romans 12:2 (NKJV) And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

2 Timothy 2:1 (NKJV) You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

2 Timothy 2:2 (NKJV) And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

2 Timothy 2:3 (NKJV) You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

2 Timothy 2:4 (NKJV) No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.

1 Corinthians 15:58 (NKJV) Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Practical application:

- Identify your “quit points” (fatigue, lack of recognition, conflict, slow results).
- Pre-decide: “I will be consistent even when I don't feel it.”
- Build a rhythm: a set time, a set place, a set plan (this is how diligence is sustained).

“Small disciplines repeated with consistency every day lead to great achievements gained slowly over time.” — John C. Maxwell

3) Faithfulness keeps building through opposition: Nehemiah refused to come down

Nehemiah 4:6 (NKJV) So we built the wall, and the entire wall was joined together up to half its height, for the people had a mind to work.

Nehemiah 6:3 (NKJV) So I sent messengers to them, saying, “I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down. Why should the work cease while I leave it and go down to you?”

Galatians 6:9 (NKJV) And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

Practical application:

- Name your #1 distraction (“come down” invitation): offense, people-pleasing, comparison, weariness, money pressure, schedule chaos.
- Say out loud this week: “I can't come down—I'm doing a great work.”
- Do the next right step today, not the whole wall.

Faithfulness is not doing something right once but doing something right over and over and over and over. — Joyce Meyer

4) Faithful vs. unfaithful: diligence, reliability, and trust under pressure

Proverbs 12:24 (NKJV) The hand of the diligent will rule, But the lazy man will be put to forced labor.

Proverbs 22:29 (NKJV) Do you see a man who excels in his work? He will stand before kings; He will not stand before unknown men.

Proverbs 25:19 (NKJV) Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble Is like a bad tooth and a foot out of joint.

A faithful person is dependable, prepared, diligent, teachable, honest, steady, finishes what they start, and can be trusted under pressure.

An unfaithful person is inconsistent, excuse-driven, delayed, half-hearted, forgetful of commitments, reactive, easily offended, and often disappears when responsibility increases

Ask yourself:

- Do people have to “chase me down,” or can they count on me?
- Do I finish, or do I start strong and fade?
- Do I bring solutions—or mainly reasons why it’s hard?
- Then pick one growth target: **punctuality, follow-through, preparation, or attitude.**

“Success is the sum of small efforts—repeated day in and day out.” — Robert Collier

5) God rewards faithfulness: more trust, more fruit, more joy, more blessing

Proverbs 28:20 (NKJV) A faithful man will abound with blessings, But he who hastens to be rich will not go unpunished.

Matthew 25:23 (NKJV) His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’

Revelation 2:10 (NKJV) Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be **faithful until death**, and I will give you the crown of life.

Practical application:

- Reframe your season: “God is training me for more by how I handle this.”
- Be faithful in **three arenas**: (1) private life, (2) serving others, (3) time/finances.
- Expect increase—but keep your motive pure: **love, obedience, and stewardship.**

Becoming a true disciple means moving from being a consumer to a contributor

Faithfulness and Blessing

Sunday, January 4, 2026

1 Corinthians 3:1 (NKJV) And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ.

1 Corinthians 3:2 (NKJV) I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able;

1 Corinthians 3:3 (NKJV) for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?

Revelation 3:14 (NKJV) “And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, ‘These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God:

Revelation 3:15 (NKJV)

“I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot.

Revelation 3:16 (NKJV) So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.

Revelation 3:17 (NKJV) Because you say, ‘I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing’—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked—

The church at Laodicea was, like much of America:

Extremely wealthy (banking center)

Medically advanced (famous eye salve)

Textile rich (black wool garments)

Spiritually compromised

Jesus evaluates us by spiritual reality, not outward success

A believer can:

- Live Life without power
- Have activity without intimacy

Jesus desires a real relationship, not a religious routine

AVOID:

Worship without surrender.

Learning without repentance.

Desiring blessing without holiness.

Desiring grace, but not transformation

**Faithfulness is stewardship with consistency—
and God responds to it with increase, influence, joy, and reward.**

**Faithfulness is a steady, loyal commitment to someone or something over time,
even when it is difficult, inconvenient, or costly.**

Faithfulness is about honoring trust, keeping promises, and not abandoning responsibilities