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FAITHFULNESS

Many people make judgements about others' success when they see prosperity in their lives. Prosperity to them means a nice car, good clothes, a nice home. But is that a sign of being faithful? If it is then many of the early Apostles never would qualify.

Paul was run out of town, and I doubt if he had a U-Haul with his belongings in it.

Peter failed Jesus in the garden when he fell asleep when asked to pray and also sank when he walked on water.

Thomas doubted most of the things that he heard. He had to "see" to believe.

Yet each of these men were faithful unto death and received their reward when they left this earth. Faithfulness is just doing what God tells us to do, whether we are a stay at home Mother, a doctor, lawyer, or bus driver. Many judge a church by its number rather than by the faithfulness of those that attend. There are many faithful Pastors that have small flocks. God sees their faithfulness, not the size of the church.

If you have struggled with "failure", thinking that you haven't done enough, then chances are it is Satan whispering in your ear, and not God. Satan is the accuser of the brethren, while the Holy Spirit comes with soft conviction over sin. If you have failed there is always repentance to restore you back to God and you give you another chance daily to start over.

In Lamentations 3:22-23 in the ESV it *says, "The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness."* God gives us a chance every day with his mercy and his faithfulness towards us.