

How to be Faithful to the End
Psalm 119:33-40
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Thesis: I want to show some things that it takes to remain faithful to God to the end.

Intro: 1. What are some things that must be part of the Christian life in order to be faithful to the end?

I. Faithful to the End

A. Be Teachable (v.33)

a. Teach - to point out, show, to direct, teach, instruct

1. No one can be taught if they will not hear (**Mt 13:15**)
2. “keep it to the end” is either to the end of life, or as some think, to the uttermost.
a. keep – to watch, to guard

B. Have an understanding (v.34)

a. understanding- to have discernment, insight, to perceive

1. One cannot keep (obey) what one does not understand.
2. One cannot observe with all of one’s heart what one does not understand.
3. I think we would naturally assume, that, if one understands, he would keep the law.

C. Be willing to walk and delight in the path of God’s commandments (v.35)

1. Joshua was commanded not to turn to the right or the left (**Joshua 1:7**)
2. It is so easy to stray because of ignorance and negligence (**1 Jn 1:6-7**)

D. Be willing to follow God’s testimonies, and not one’s selfish and greedy desires (v.36).

1. **2 Peter 2:10**

E. Watch what your eyes look at; look at what will revive you in the way of God (v.37)

a. revive – to have live, to sustain life (to resuscitate the spiritual desire to walk in His ways)

1. We should pray that God will increase ones life, strength, and vigor, to walk continually in the way of God.

2. We must keep our eyes on the goal God has set for us (Phil 3:13-14)

F. Become established in the Word, and its practice (v.38).

a. Establish – to stand affixed, (would fit this context)

1. Know God’s Word and more than that, be devoted to following it.

G. Do not be involved in things that will bring reproach upon you, God, or others (v.39)

1. We ought to always fear doing something that will bring reproach or shame.
2. Some people’s glory is in their shame (Phil 3:19)
3. Let us be more like those in Jeremiah’s day (Jer 6:15).

H. Long for the precepts of God. Revive yourself by the acts of righteousness (v.40)

1. “Long for” means to eagerly desire.
2. The truly blessed are those who “hunger and thirst after righteousness” (Mt 5:6)

II. Lessons for us today.

A. Faithfulness to the end is not automatic

1. Continued faithfulness does not happen by accident (**Ps 119:40a**)
 - a. This type of “longing” shoes a continued effort to follow God.

2. The Christian must have this type of longing, this type of determination or they just may not make it to the end.
- B. Faithfulness is determined effort
1. From verses 33-40 we see a continued effort to know God's word and to follow it (v.33)

Application & Conclusion:

1. The Christian who continuously follows God, also can be continuously revived from His word (v.40b).
2. To enjoy this blessing you must be following God; continued faithfulness brings continued spiritual blessings.
3. The reasons to continuously follow God are beyond number.
 - a. There is no good reason not to follow God to the end.
4. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9