

Who Are Faithful?

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Proverbs 20:1-15

“Earnest,” “loyal,” “steadfast,” and “true:” all these are synonyms for “faithful.” The writer of the Proverbs asks “a faithful person who can find?” (Proverbs 20:6). Scripture devotes Hebrews 11 to defining and illustrating “faith” and “faithfulness.” These concepts take on substance and become evident in the lives of heroes from Abel to Joseph: noting also Enoch, Noah, Abraham and Sarah, and their descendants.

John Wesley wrote, “Faith is that divine evidence whereby the spiritual man discerneth God and the things of God. It is with regard to the spiritual world what sense is with regard to the natural. It is the spiritual sensation of every soul that is born of God,” [*Works* XI, 46].* Will those who come behind you find you faithful?

Proverbs 20 says, “Many claim to have unfailing love, but a faithful person who can find?”

* W. Stephen Gunter, *The Quotable Mr. Wesley*, Atlanta [1999-2003]: Candler School of Theology, p 14.

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