

# sermonnotes

## A Life God Applauds: Part 2



In today's culture, \_\_\_\_\_ is overrated and \_\_\_\_\_ is underrated. We make a big deal out of success and passionately pursue success, titles, and position when God is calling us to simply be faithful.

"God has not called me to be successful—He has called me to be faithful."—Mother Teresa

There is no place of ministry or assignment that is insignificant in God's eyes.

### Philippians 2:25–30

#### Epaphroditus was...

- \_\_\_\_\_ because he was faithful in his service.
- \_\_\_\_\_ because he was faithful.
- Used by God because he was faithful.

#### Being Faithful

1. God is \_\_\_\_\_ for faithfulness.
- If God can find someone who is faithful where they are and faithful in what they are doing, then He knows He can trust them with greater assignments.

- "Whoever can be trusted with very little can be trusted with very much."—Luke 16:10
2. Faithfulness positions us for \_\_\_\_\_. (Matthew 25:21)
- If you want to find greater effectiveness, focus on intentional faithfulness. Out of your faithfulness God will make a way for effectiveness.
3. God \_\_\_\_\_ faithfulness.
- "Well done, you good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things. I will put you in charge of many."—Matthew 25:21

#### Action Steps

- Make faithfulness a \_\_\_\_\_ in your life.
- Applaud faithfulness in the lives of others.
- Know that no assignment is \_\_\_\_\_ in God's eyes.

Answers: success, faithfulness; Effective; Applauded; looking; effectiveness; rewards; priority; insignificant



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