



## Measuring Faithfulness

*By David Qualls*

What does faithfulness look like? There are several Bible principles we can examine. We could call them measurements. Using these measurements will help us determine whether a church, pastor, or organization is more interested in being successful or in being faithful.

### Measurement 1

Mine eyes shall be upon the **faithful** of the land, that they may dwell with me: he that **walketh in a perfect way**, he shall serve me (Psalms 101:6).

A faithful person will walk in the perfect way of God. There is no compromise of principle in the way of God. That is our first measurement.

### Measurement 2

A **faithful** witness will not lie: but a false witness will utter lies (Proverbs 14:5).

A faithful person will live by a strict code of integrity and honesty. He will not soft-pedal the truth, but will speak it with boldness. He will not hide behind a mask or pretend to be something he is not.

### Measurement 3

Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but a

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## Far-reaching Influence of the Home

*From The Adventist Home, Ch. 4*

The mission of the home extends beyond its own members. The Christian home is to be an object lesson, illustrating the excellence of the true principles of life. Such an illustration will be a power for good in the world. . . . As the youth go out from such a home, the lessons they have learned are imparted. Nobler principles of life are introduced into other households, and an uplifting influence works in the community.

The home in which the members are polite, courteous Christians exerts a far-reaching influence for good. Other families will mark the results attained by such a home, and will follow the example set, in their turn guarding the home against Satanic influences. The angels of God will often visit the home in which the will of God bears sway. Under the power of divine grace such a home becomes a place of refreshing to worn, weary pilgrims. By watchful guarding, self is kept from asserting itself. Correct habits are formed. There is a careful recognition of the rights of others. The faith that works by love and purifies the soul stands at the helm, presiding over the whole household. Under the hallowed influence of such a home, the principle of brotherhood laid down in the word of God is more widely recognized and obeyed.

It is no small matter for a family to stand as representatives of Jesus, keeping God's law in an unbelieving community. We are required to be living epistles known and read of all men. This position involves fearful responsibilities.

One well-ordered, well-disciplined family tells more in behalf of Christianity than all the sermons that can be preached. Such a family gives evidence that the parents have been successful in following God's directions, and that their children will serve Him in the church. Their influence grows; for as they impart, they receive to impart again. The father and mother find helpers in their children, who give

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**faithful** man who can find? (Proverbs 20:6, KJV).

A faithful person or church will not boast of themselves or their great accomplishments or abilities. Instead, they will give the glory to God.

#### Measurement 4

He that is **faithful** in that which is least is **faithful** also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much (Luke 16:10).

A faithful person or church will be faithful in the small things as well as the large. If it's in God's word; if it is a matter of principle, then the faithful person will not ignore it.

#### Measurement 5

Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men. For I have not shunned to declare unto you **all the counsel of God** (Acts 20:26-27).

God's faithful servants will declare all the counsel of God. They will not shun the unpopular truths, but will courageously rebuke, exhort, preach, and teach all that God has commanded. There is no room for preaching smooth things with the faithful follower of Christ. They will call sin by its right name. They will speak not only of evangelism, but also of the need for revival and reformation.

#### Measurement 6

Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world (James 1:27).

A faithful church will be doing two things. They will care for the poor, the needy, and the downtrodden. But they will also keep themselves unspotted from the world.

#### Measurement 7

By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another (John 13:35).

Last but not least is the test of true love that the faithful will have for one another. This is an identifying mark of the faithful. How do we treat each other? How do we treat our fellow human beings?

We could add more, but this will suffice in many cases. Apply these measurements the next time you hear success-oriented claims from a church, a pastor, or a ministry. Hopefully, you fill find them faithful and not just successful. ❖

*David's complete sermon can be found at:*

*[www.t3asda.org/audio/SermonText/20061223sermon-dq.htm](http://www.t3asda.org/audio/SermonText/20061223sermon-dq.htm)*

## From the Gospel's Right Arm...

### Charcoal for Your Medicine Cabinet?

Why would I want charcoal in my medicine cabinet? Because it is one of nature's finest magnetic sponges for adsorbing our enemies: pain from burns, toxins, poisons, pollutants and bacteria, just to name a few. It may be used without side effects or overdose. It has no additives, chemicals, binders, etc. It can be bought in many forms, as tablet, powder or capsule.

Charcoal is plain black wood from your fireplace or stove, which has not burned completely. It can be pulverized (in a can) with a hammer and/or blended into powder. When used internally, it is considered the most valuable single agent currently available for treating drug overdose, poisoning, stomach distress, intestinal gas, toxic condition.

General instructions: Prepare a charcoal drink suspension by stirring into one or more large glasses of water 2-3 heaping teaspoons of charcoal for minor complaints. For moderate to severe poisonings, use 4-6 heaping tablespoons of powder into as much water as can be ingested. Repeat as needed.

Many times a sore throat may be prevented by dissolving charcoal tablet(s) in the mouth. The pain of a sore throat is often relieved by the use of a charcoal poultice.

General instructions: Drink plenty of water, repeat charcoal tablet(s) in mouth as needed, avoid refined sugar foods. Get plenty of rest, find the cause, if possible. 2-3 tsp. of charcoal powder may be stirred into a large glass of water to adsorb offending organisms. Stir charcoal into a little water before adding the rest of the glassful of water.

For insect, spider and snake bites, bee stings, poison skin contacts, inflammations, boils and other minor external injuries, follow instructions for charcoal poultice.

Eye injuries such as from arc-welding burns and from bruising or post-surgical discomfort may be treated with a soothing charcoal poultice (eyelids closed!). Pain is reduced and restoration of normal tissue is aided by the use of a poultice.

Caution: There is one caution of particular importance and that is that charcoal is a powerful adsorbent and will certainly adsorb other drugs that one may be taking by prescription. Do not take charcoal with prescribed drugs without checking

## THREE ANGELS KITCHEN

### Chili

*From Wellspring Healthy Cooking.*

#### **Sauté in a large saucepan until onions are soft:**

2 Tbs. olive oil  
2 cups yellow onions, chopped  
1/3 cup green bell pepper, chopped  
4 cloves garlic, pressed or minced

#### **Add to saucepan and continue to sauté for 1 minute:**

1 ½ - 3 Tbs. chili powder  
2 tsp. cumin, ground  
1/3 tsp. cayenne pepper (opt.)  
¼ tsp. oregano  
1 tsp. paprika

#### **Add to saucepan, stir well, bring to a boil, and simmer a few minutes:**

3 Tbs. green chilies, mild, chopped  
1/3 cup tomato paste  
16 oz. can pinto beans (including liquid)  
16 oz. can red kidney beans (including liquid) \*  
16 oz. can black beans (including liquid)  
2 16 oz. cans diced tomatoes (including liquid)  
12 oz. bag Morningstar Farms Meal Starters Grillers Crumbles, thawed \*\*  
Salt to taste (approx. 1 tsp.)

\*Westbrae Natural Vegetarian Organic Kidney Beans available in Wal-Mart do not contain added sugar or syrup. Pinto beans and black beans are also available from Westbrae. Westbrae brand contains less sodium than most canned beans. This brand is also available in natural foods stores (Akins and Wild Oats).

\*\*Morningstar is available in Wal-Mart, Reasor's and in natural food stores (Akins and Wild Oats).

Note: This recipe was shared at one of our Healthy Choices cooking classes.

with your physician. It will adsorb penicillin, heart medicines, etc.

Check with your local health food store for a supply to have on hand. It's as much a first-aid item as a band-aid.

### Charcoal Poultice

1. Make the poultice the size to meet your need. All you want to do is to cover the injured part with a thin charcoal sandwich.

2. The paste is made by mixing equal parts of flaxseed meal or cornstarch with the powder (activated charcoal) in a bowl or suitable container and adding hot-to-boiling water to make a moderately thick paste but thin enough to spread thinly on your sandwich.

3. Now spread the paste evenly over a paper towel or porous cloth cut to the proper size. Cover it with a top piece of towel the same size.

4. Place this over the area to be treated and cover with a larger piece of household plastic. Now use a cloth or towel to cover and hold the sandwich and plastic in place. Secure by a tie, stretch bandage or a pin. This can be messy.

5. Apply poultice immediately for 1-2 hours or at bedtime, leaving overnight. Adsorption takes place almost immediately. Change poultice after each use. Wash or gently cleanse area when finished with cool water. Repeat as needed.❖

*Taken from: [www.pathlights.com/nr\\_encyclopedia](http://www.pathlights.com/nr_encyclopedia)*

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### January

5 – Charles Permaul  
11 – Alex Hooper  
17 – Alfonso and Daniel Orellana

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*Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:*

*(Hebrews 12:28)*

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Communion Service

Place: Three Angels SDA Church – Owasso  
Time: Sabbath, January 13 starting at 9:30 AM

Come join us for a very special Communion Sabbath.

## Healthy Choices Cooking Classes

Place: Three Angels SDA Church - Owasso  
Time: Sunday, January 14 (2-4 PM); ongoing the fourth Sunday of each month

Come enjoy health videos by renowned doctors and health professionals as well as food samples, gift drawings, and more!

## In the Footsteps of Paul

Place: Three Angels SDA Church - Owasso  
Time: Each Wednesday at 7:00 PM

In this fascinating series, In the Footsteps of Paul, Tony Moore will take you back in time to understand the world of the Apostle Paul. This spectacular twenty-episode series was filmed entirely on location in Turkey, Israel, Syria, Greece, and Italy, and brings fresh meaning to Paul's teachings by applying them to our life in the 21st century. Just think... for over 13,000 miles Paul followed Jesus!

## The Language of Music with Brian Neumann

Place: Three Angels SDA Church - Owasso  
Time: February 14 – 20 at 7:00 PM. There will be a series of presentations on Sabbath February 17 starting at 11 AM.

Brian S. Neumann spent more than 16 years in the Rock-Pop industry as a professional musician. He worked as a vocalist, guitarist, composer, performer and session musician in Europe as well as in Africa. Since his return to Jesus, Brian has done extensive research into the language of music, its effects on the human psyche and the spiritual, mental, and physical implications attached to choosing the right or wrong kind of music.

to others the instruction received in the home. The neighborhood in which they live is helped, for in it they have become enriched for time and for eternity. The whole family is engaged in the service of the Master; and by their godly example, others are inspired to be faithful and true to God in dealing with His flock, His beautiful flock.

The greatest evidence of the power of Christianity that can be presented to the world is a well-ordered, well-disciplined family. This will recommend the truth as nothing else can, for it is a living witness of its practical power upon the heart.

The best test of the Christianity of a home is the type of character begotten by its influence. Actions speak louder than the most positive profession of godliness.

Our business in this world . . . is to see what virtues we can teach our children and our families to possess, that they shall have an influence upon other families, and thus we can be an educating power although we never enter into the desk. A well-ordered, a well-disciplined family in the sight of God is more precious than fine gold, even than the golden wedge of Ophir. ❖

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### Worship Schedule

#### Saturday (Sabbath)

Sabbath School.....9:30am  
Main Worship Service.....10:45am

#### Wednesday

Prayer Meeting.....7:00pm

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