

Faithful, Available, Teachable

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I. Introduction.

- A. Our hope is to invest our life as Jesus did. (John 17:4)
- B. We need a strong handle on grace to pass it on to others. (2 Timothy 2:1-2)
- C. There are five suggestions for the kind of person one should invest in.

II. Faithful.

- A. This is a loyal and reliable man. (Luke 16:10-15)
- B. If we are not faithful in little things like money, we cannot be trusted in the things that are really valuable like people.
- C. We need some evidence of faithfulness in our lives and others.

III. Available. (2 Timothy 2:3-4)

- A. Men are entangled in things besides sin.
- B. This includes finances, relationships and activities. (Romans 13:8, Luke 14, Ephesians 6, 1 Peter 5, 1 Samuel 14:6-7)

IV. Interdependent.

- A. There are those who are too dependent and too independent.
- B. Interdependence is a healthy awareness of one's gifts and weaknesses as well as the strengths and weaknesses of others in the body. (2 Corinthians 13:4, Philippians 4, 1 Corinthians 12:18)
- C. Fear is a big problem that keeps us from being available. The only way to handle fear is to give it to Christ. (2 Timothy 1:7)

V. Teachable. The closest synonym to humble is teachable. (Proverbs 9:8-9, Acts 18:24-28)

VI. Committed to holiness.

- A. We cleanse ourselves, and Christ cleanses us. (2 Corinthians 7:1, 1 John 1:9)
- B. We are to stand when we deal with Satan and run when we deal with the flesh.
- C. Make no provision for the flesh. (Romans 13:14)

Application questions:

1. Why is it important to have some criteria for selecting men?

2. Which criterion do you think is the most important? Explain.

3. Which area would you like to work on the most personally? How can you go about doing this practically? Explain.
