

## This week's verse: Colossians 1:10 "And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please Him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God."

## **Section 4.5 Discovery of Faithfulness**

- 1. Colossians 1:10. AS you learn about God, you will start to trust, obey, and love Him more and more. You will be faithful and walk in a manner that is worthy of God.
- 2. Have you ever played the game "Follow the Leader"? When you play this game, you have to know who the teacher is and what he or she is doing. When you are being faithful, you are not just following any leader, you are following God.
- 3. Psalm 37:3-6. What things are you commanded to do? What does He say will happen if you do?
- 4. When we follow God, we're being faithful to Him. We are saying He is trustworthy because He is God. God wants you to trust Him with all of your heart and with everything that happens in your life. When we acknowledge (know and recognize) God in our lives, we show trust and have faith.
- 5. 2 Chronicles 31:20-21. [Story of Hezekiah told here]
- 6. Hezekiah was a king that did everything for God with his whole heart, even when it was hard. He was faithful, and God was with him and made him a successful king.
- 7. There will be good and bad days. If we remember who God is and what He has done, it will help us be faithful and trust God. Being faithful is a daily choice to know and follow Jesus. You can't follow or be faithful to someone you don't know!

## **T&T** Verses

FAITHFUL - to follow and trust God, regardless of circumstances FRUIT - attitudes and good works that come from a growing relationship with God

**Colossians 1:10** "And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please Him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God."

Psalm 37:3-6 "Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Take delight in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him and He will do this; He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun."

2 Chronicles 31:20-21 "This is what Hezekiah did throughout Judah, doing what was good and right and faithful before the Lord his God. In everything that he undertook in the service of God's temple and in obedience to the law and the commands, he sought his God and worked wholeheartedly. And so he prospered."

Hezekiah became king when he was 25-years-old and was king for 29 years. The kings before Hezekiah treated the Temple of God terribly and it made God angry and God showed it. Hezekiah set out to make everything right. He got rid of all the bad things in the Temple, had the priests (and Levites) gather and gave them instructions to prepare the Temple properly, made sacrifices that would please God, and play music and sing songs of praise to God. Then he sent letters out to everyone he could to invite them to the Temple to humble themselves and atone for their sins. This was done in a short amount of time and they celebrated for two weeks. He worked so hard to make sure everything was done correctly according to God's law and it made God very happy. So happy in fact, that God gave him all he needed and then some.