



WHO IS THE FAITHFUL CHRISTIAN?

Parable of the Wicked Vinedresser

1. Obedient in His absence

- “...not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers...”
(Eph. 6:6)



2. Understands his freedom, authority, and accountability

- Freedom
- The Lord Jesus granted us freedom from sin and the Law
- “And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” (Jn. 8:32)
- “Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.” (Jn. 8:36)

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- Authority

- “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.” (Lk. 10:18-20)

- Accountability

- “And the apostles, when they had returned, told Him all that they had done. Then He took them and went aside privately into a deserted place belonging to the city called Bethsaida.” (Lk. 9:10)

3. Does not rob God of His authority

- How can we rob God of His authority?
 - Judging
 - Swearing
 - Refusing to forgive

4. Does not kill those who are sent to him

- “He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me.” (Lk. 10:16)



5. Appreciates God's mercy

- What do the servants reveal to us about God?
 - Trust
 - Patience
 - Goodness
 - Judgment

Parable of the Barren Fig Tree (Luke 13:6-9)

- “A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. Then he said to the keeper of his vineyard, ‘Look, for three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree and find none. Cut it down; why does it use up the ground?’ But he answered and said to him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and fertilize it. And if it bears fruit, well. But if not, after that you can cut it down.’ ”

6. Judges himself

- “Therefore what will the owner of the vineyard do to them?” (Lk. 20:15)
- They said to Him, “He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons.” (Matt. 21:41)
- “For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged.” (1 Cor. 11:31)

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