

Pursue This Quality to Become the One God Strongly Supports

As we grow and develop our mindset, we are also developing our character and integrity. A kingdom-minded person is not concerned with being the most talented or the most gifted. Instead, those who think with a kingdom mindset are almost always those with great character and integrity. A man or woman of integrity and great character thinks differently than someone who is simply gifted. One of the byproducts of having character and integrity is faithfulness.

Those who are naturally gifted or talented can at first seem to have the upper hand. Gifts and talents can make a person seem important or special. However, faithfulness will always eventually trump talent or gifting. One trustworthy person will be more valuable to any ministry or organization than a dozen extremely gifted people. Time will always reveal the true differences between faithfulness and gifting.

Unfortunately, those with only talents and gifts are often unreliable and unpredictable. A faithful person with true integrity can be counted on. God is unimpressed by your gifting because He is the one who gave it to you. Whenever God is looking for someone to use to accomplish His will in the earth, He does not look for the most talented person or the one with the best personality or gift. Instead, God is first looking for faithfulness and loyalty. 2 Chronicles 16:9a (NASB) says, "For the eyes of the Lord roam throughout the earth, so that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His."

A wise man once said, "If you can be anything, be counted on." In my many years of ministry, I have encountered hundreds of very gifted and greatly talented people. However, I've only known and run with a few truly faithful men and women of God.

There is a clear difference between faithfulness and gifting. If you can only be one of them, choose to be a faithful person with character and integrity!

To be encouraged and equipped tune in for more by listening to Episode 47 of the *Kingdom Mindset* podcast with Joe Joe Dawson, *Faithfulness vs. Giftings*. {eoa}

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