

TARGET #4: DEPENDABLE

Memorize the definition and verses for Dependable: “doing what I ought to do”

I Corinthians 4:2

“. . . Moreover it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful.”

Proverbs 25:19

“Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble is like a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint.”

1. Accept **Responsibility** (I Corinthians 4:2; Acts 20:24).
2. Do the little things (Luke 16:10; I Corinthians 15:58).
 - A. Realizing the importance of the job assigned to me.
 - B. Offsets: incomplete obedience (Saul- 1Sam. 15).
3. Treat others **possessions** properly (Luke 16:12; Genesis 39:6).
 - o Using all my energies to fulfill the expectations of those who are counting on me.
 - o Offsets: misrepresented obedience (Gehazi-2 kings 5:20-27).
4. Show initiative (Proverbs 6:6-8; II Corinthians 8:11).
5. Do my **best** (Colossians 3:17; Ecclesiastes 4:10).
6. How to be faithful in money matters (Luke 19:11, I Tim. 6:10)
 - I. Using my resources effectively for eternity, knowing they belong to God.
 - II. Offsets: misrepresented obedience (Lot-Genesis 13).
7. How to be a good **steward** (Luke 17:10).
 - I. Knowing that others can count on me to get the job done.
8. How to rest in God’s dependability (I Thess. 5:24; Phil 1:6).
 - Trusting God even when it doesn’t feel like He cares.
 - Offsets: thankless obedience (Lepers-Luke 17:11-19).
 1. Firstborn humans – he will lie to you as he did to Eve (Gen. 3).
 - II. Firstborn Son of God – he will tempt you (Matthew 4).
 - A. Satan attacks God’s **dependence** in three specific ways:
 - Doubts arise about God’s love (vs. 3).
 - Distress about authority’s care (vs. 6).
 - Discouraged about service God has for you (vs. 9).
 - B. Action to take in resting within God’s control (I Cor. 10:31).