D. Be faithful to your friends.

17 *"A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity."* Proverbs 17:17

E. Be faithful in your words.

37 *"But let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No.' For whatever is more than these is from the evil one."* Matthew 5:37

F. Be faithful in the small things.

10 *"He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much."* Luke 16:10

IV. PREPARE FOR THE JUDGEMENT SEAT OF CHRIST

A. People are not your judge.

3 *"But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by a human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself."* I Corinthians 4:3

4 *"Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand."* Romans 14:4

B. God is your judge and one day your degree of faithfulness will be made clear.

4 *"For I know of nothing against myself, yet I am not justified by this; but He who judges me is the Lord.*
5 *Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one's praise will come from God."* I Corinthians 4:4-5

10 "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad." II Corinthians 5:10

FAITHFULNESS:
AN UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO GOD

JUICY FRUIT
Transform Your Character

Faithfulness: Unwavering Commitment To God
Pastor Steve Reynolds

Introduction:

A. When life squeezes you, what character spills out?

Character matters.

Your true character is revealed during adversity. Unfortunately, many times, what spills out is not positive.

It's time to transform your character and experience the "juicy life" found through the Fruit Of The Spirit.

B. Join us for our 9-week Fall Spiritual Growth Campaign and Teaching Series called JUICY FRUIT: TRANSFORM YOUR CHARACTER. Each week we will do a deep dive into one of the nine fruits of the Spirit. These are godly character traits that God wants to develop in your life.

22 *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,*
23 *gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law."* Galatians 5:22-23

Oct 4	Love: Being The Hands & Feet Of Jesus
Oct 11	Joy: Experiencing Joy At All Times
Oct 18	Peace: Overcoming Worry & Conflict
Oct 25	Patience: Trusting God While You Wait
Nov 1	Kindness: Showing Genuine Care
Nov 8	Goodness: Choosing To Do Right
TODAY	Faithfulness: Unwavering Commitment To God
Nov 22	Gentleness: Managing Anger
Nov 29	Self-Control: Mastering Impulses & Actions

TEXT: I Corinthians 4:1-5

The Key Verse For Juicy Fruit Faithfulness:

2 *"Moreover, it is required in stewards that one be found faithful."* I Corinthians 4::2

HOW TO HAVE AN UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO GOD

Here is what the "juicy life" process looks like:

Fruit of the Spirit plus Consistency plus Time equals Godly Character.

I. REMEMBER GOD"S FAITHFULNESS TO YOU

9 *"God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord."* I Corinthians 1:9

A. God is faithful to keep His promises.

45 *"Not a word failed of any good thing which the LORD had spoken to the house of Israel. All came to pass."* Joshua 21:45

B. God is faithful in His love and compassion for you.

22 *"Through the LORD's mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not.*
23 *They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness."* Lamentations 3:22-23

C. God is faithful to protect you from the evil one.

3 *"But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one."* II Thessalonians 3:3

D. God is faithful to forgive your sins.

9 *"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."* I John 1:9

E. God is faithful even when you are not.

13 *"If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself."* II Timothy 2:13

II. KNOW THAT YOU ARE A SERVANT AND STEWARD

A. You are a servant of Christ.

1 *"Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ…."* I Corinthians 4:1a

The word "servants" literally means "under rowers." You are not the captain of the ship; you are a servant under orders.

B. You are a steward of the mysteries of God.

1 *"…and stewards of the mysteries of God."* I Corinthians 4:1b

A steward is one who manages what belongs to another. God is the owner of everything. You, for a period of time, manage His stuff.

III. BE A FAITHFUL MANAGER OF WHAT GOD GIVES TO YOU

2 *"Moreover, it is required in stewards that one be found faithful."* I Corinthians 4:2

A. Be faithful to your family.

33 *"Nevertheless, let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband."* Ephesians 5:33

1 *"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right."* Ephesians 6:1

B. Be faithful to your church.

25 *"not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching."* Hebrews 10:25

C. Be faithful in your tithing.

22 *"And this stone which I have set as a pillar shall be God's house, and of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You."* Genesis 28:22