

# WHAT GOD EXPECTS FROM HIS SERVANTS

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Let's briefly examine what God expects from those who are called by the gospel.

**"Have faith and a good conscience."** "Having faith and a good conscience, which some having rejected, concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck." {1 Timothy 1:19} Christians must always hold their faith in good conscience. How do we accomplish this? Bible faith is obedient faith. By living our lives according to God's will we secure our relationship with Christ. Life and the world try to weaken our faith, but diligent commitment results in a good conscience.

**"Hold fast the faithful Word."** "Holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict." {Titus 1:9} God's people must always adhere to His word in all aspects of their lives. Only by exhibiting faithful compliance to the word can we shine as lights in a dark world {Matthew 5:13-16}. Holding fast to God's faithful word may not always be easy, but it is what is best for us.

**"Hold fast the Word of Life."** "That you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain." {Philippians 2:15,16} God wants His people to proclaim His word through their conduct. False teachers and teaching are always seeking to destroy God's kingdom. Men's religions and teaching array themselves against God {Matthew 15:8,9}. To save his soul, man must follow the course laid out in the word of life. Those who are spiritually blind need direction. In Acts 8, Phillip asked the eunuch if he understood what he was reading. He replied, "How can I unless someone guides me." {Acts 8:30,31} Could you, as God's child, have guided the eunuch? Can you help to lead men out of spiritual darkness?

Every disciple of Christ has been called into "active service" when we accepted Him and put on His name in baptism. Now as a member of His kingdom we must constantly be striving to be about His business – seeking and saving the lost! God is counting on us! \*\*\*