

**Step 1 - Choose the word you will study.** Faithful

**Step 2 - Find its English definition in the English dictionary.** Faithful- A firm adherence to promises or in observance of duty.

**Step 3 - Compare treatments of the word in the various translations.**

- NIV Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.
- KJV Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)
- NLT Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise.

**Step 4 - Note the definition of the original word (Hebrew, Greek, or Aramaic).**

- Hebrew- 'emeth, eh'-meth; contracted from H539; stability; (figuratively) certainty, truth, trustworthiness:—assured(-ly), establishment, faithful, right, sure, true (-ly, -th), verity.
- Greek- Pistos trusty, faithful; of persons who show themselves faithful in the transaction of business, the execution of commands, or the discharge of official duties

**Step 5 - Discover just where the word is used in the Bible.**

- **How often does it occur?** Occurs 114 times in 109 verses in the NIV
- **In which books is it found?** NUM, DEU, 1SA, 2SA, 1KI, 2CH, NEH, PSA, PRO, ISA, JER, EZE, HOS, JOE, MIC, ZEC, MAT, LUK, ROM, 1CO, 2CO, EPH, COL, 1THE, 2THE, 1TIM, 2TIM, HEB, 1PET, 1JOH, 3JOH, REV
- **In which book is it used most?** Psalms
- **Where does the word first appear?** Numbers 12:7
- **Where does it first appear in the book you are studying?** Hebrews 2:17

**Step 6 - Find the origin and root meaning of the word, how the word was used by the secular culture of the day.**

- peíthō, pi'-tho; to convince; by analogy, to pacify or conciliate ; reflexively to rely —agree, assure, believe, have confidence, be (wax) conflent, make friend, obey, persuade, trust, yield.

**Step 7 - Determine how the word was used in the Bible and how it would have been understood in the culture to which the Bible was originally addressed.**

There are 6 Hebrew/Aramaic words in the scripture that can be defined closely to our American word "faithful" There is also 1 Greek word. All of these words have a few concepts in common. The idea of truth or reliability is evident in all of these original words. The culture of the day would have only used the word faithful to describe something or someone that was consistent and reliable. Something or someone they could put their faith in.

**Step 8 - Write an application.**

We remain sure of Gods consistent and reliable nature, because our God is always faithful to us.

## Hebrews 10:19-25

19 Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus,

20 by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh,

21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God,

22 let us draw near with a [h]sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful;

24 and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds,

25 not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

**Method 7 - The Word Study Bible Study Method Form**

<b>1. English Word:</b>	<b>3. Comparison of Translations:</b>
<b>2. English Definition:</b>	
<b>4. Original Word and Short Definition(s):</b>	
<b>5. Occurrences in the Bible:</b>	
<b>6. Root Meaning and Origin:</b>	
<b>7. Biblical Usage:</b>	
<b>8. Application/Evaluation:</b>	