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CONSISTENCY

Consistency. We can count on it. It will be there tomorrow just like it was yesterday.... free from mood swings, unexpected changes, or fickle fads. Early in the day or late at night, consistency stands firm. When pain or hardship bites, consistency doesn't bleed. When the majority is tired and irritable, consistency is stable and resilient. Not insensitive or boring but reliable and faithful. Not opposed to reason, but trustworthy. Not stubborn, but solid. Yes, that's it: solid.

Consistency is the stuff most mothers are made of when their little ones get sick....and missionaries who lose themselves in their labor even though it yields limited fruit. It reveals itself in faithful employees who show up on time, roll up their sleeves, and commit to doing the job rather than watching the clock. Diligence is its brother.... dependability, its partner.... discipline, its parent.

Consistency. A living model of patience, determination, and strength – regardless of shifty, rootless times. The blasts of ridicule and criticism may punch it in the face – but consistency stands and takes it as silently as a bronze statue takes the tempest. It's an obvious mark of maturity. It's hanging in there day in and day out in spite of everything that could get us sidetracked.

One of the most attractive, magnetic characteristics of Christ is His consistency. When you need Him, He is there. He's there even when you don't think you need Him! You're never too early or too late. He's never in a lousy mood, nor will he ask you to call back during office hours. He's available because He's immutable. With Him there's no yesterday or tomorrow, no new year or old year. He is "the same," regardless (Hebrews 13:8). Isn't that wonderful? Amen.

~ Dr. Charles Swindoll

"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Matthew 28:18 – 20

