

FAITHFUL & TALKATIVE
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1. Explain, in your own words, the difference between an “outcry” against and an “abhorrence” of sin?

2. What things does Faithful list as the marks of someone in whom a work of grace has begun?

3. What aspects of a Christian’s life does Faithful say are proportional to the strength or weakness of their faith in their Savior? Can you think of other areas that Bunyan doesn’t mention?

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4. Imagine Faithful asking you, “Do you experience this first part of the description of it; and doth your life and conversation testify the same? Or standeth your religion in word or tongue, and not in deed and truth? Pray, if you incline to answer me in this, say no more than you know the God above will say Amen to, and also nothing but what your conscience can justify you in; for not he that commendeth himself is approved, but whom the Lord commendeth.” How would you respond?

5. What does Faithful say was his responsibility toward Talkative?

Does Christian commend or condemn Faithful’s declaration?

6. Think about the way you deal with those like Talkative. What would be different, if anything, about our churches or Christianity, in general, if we followed Faithful’s example?
