

What Is Loyalty?

Loyalty - Being like Jesus, Faithful and True Rev. 19:11

1. Unswerving allegiance and the feeling of personal devotion to someone or something.
2. To be faithful to one's obligation or commitment to support, protect, and defend.
3. To be steadfast or constant in devotion, affection, and allegiance.
4. Two areas where loyalty comes into play in our lives as Christians is:
 - a. Truth
 - b. Relationships

Loyalty to Truth / Jesus

1. Our highest loyalty, allegiance, and defense must be to Truth because Jesus is the Truth

2 Corinthians 13:8; Ephesians 4:21; John 14:6.

2. Loyalty to Truth means:

a. A willingness to accept the Truth even when it may not fit comfortably with our preconceived ideas and opinions.

b. Allowing our minds, thoughts, and attitudes to be shaped by it even when it may not be convenient or comfortable.

c. Refusing to compromise and adapt down God's standard

Limits to Loyalty

God being first puts limits on all other loyalties.

Our loyalty to God cannot be divided Matthew 6:24.

Our loyalty to God can act like a sword to other loyalties

Matthew 10:34-38

1. What one is loyal to should be deserving of your fidelity or faithfulness.
2. You have to order or rank your loyalties because everything doesn't deserve the same devotion.
3. There are times when loyalty in relationships is inappropriate when it violates loyalty to God.

Why Some Do Not Stand

1. They mistakenly believe that truth shouldn't be fought for and needs no defense.
2. Some are afraid to stand up for the truth.
3. They lack knowledge about the Bible truth of separation and the dangers of defilement.
4. The danger of compromise doesn't seem great while the cost of obedience seems too high or demanding.

Why Some Do Not Stand

5. They do not know how to say “no” in order to make a stand for truth and what is right.
6. They do not realize they become a partaker in another person’s sin with their silence or consent.
7. They do not realize to be passive or silent when you should fight for or defend truth is disloyalty.