

# LOYALTY

LOYALTY IS A CONCEPT OR WORD WE DON'T HEAR VERY OFTEN, USUALLY IN CONTEXT OF A COUNTRY AS IN THE MILITARY. LOYALTY IS DESCRIBED AS FAITHFULNESS, STRONG FEELING OF SUPPORT AND ALLEGIANCE, FIDELITY, OBEDIENCE, COMMITMENT, TRUST, DEPENDABILITY. THAT'S A LOT OF PRINCIPLES AND WE DAILY LOOK AT OUR LOYALTIES EVEN THOUGH WE DON'T USE THE WORD OR THINK MUCH OF IT. WE, OF COURSE, HAVE MANY LOYALTIES IN OUR DAILY LIVES. SOME PEOPLE HAVE GREATER LOYALTY TO SPORTS TEAMS THAN ANYTHING ELSE. WHAT ABOUT OUR SPIRITUAL LOYALTIES?

WE MUST BE CAREFUL HOW STRONGLY WE EXPRESS LOYALTY AS WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO FOLLOW THROUGH. YOU REMEMBER PETER IN MATTHEW 26 WHO DENIED JESUS THREE TIMES YET HAD STATED HE WOULD NEVER LEAVE NOR FORSAKE HIM.

WHAT ABOUT OUR LOYALTY TO GOD. WITH SO MANY RELIGIOUS PHILOSOPHIES AND IDEAS AROUND, WE HAVE TO EXAMINE OUR LOYALTY. WE NEED COMPLETE LOYALTY TO JESUS, GOD'S SON. ONE KEY DIRECTIVE THAT WE MUST BE LOYAL TO IS SCRIPTURE. MANY CHURCHES TODAY DO NOT SEE THE BIBLE AS THE ONLY RULE OF FAITH AND PRACTICE. WHERE THE SCRIPTURES SPEAK WE MUST STUDY AND FOLLOW. DESPITE THE TRENDS OF SOCIETY, WE MUST BE LOYAL TO THE HISTORY OF JUDEO-CHRISTIAN ETHICS IN THE FOUNDING OF OUR NATION. WE NEED TO BE LOYAL TO OUR CHURCH (CONGREGATION) SO MANY CONSUMERS SHOP FROM CHURCH TO CHURCH FOR CONVENIENCE. OTHERS PUT THEIR CHURCH ATTENDANCE, GIVING AND SERVICE DOWN THE LIST OF THEIR PRIORITIES. YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS IMPORTANT AND UNLESS THAT CONGREGATION BEGINS TO STRAY FROM SOLID DOCTRINE WE SHOULD BE LOYAL AND JOIN IN UNITY WITH OTHERS IN MAKING IT GROW.

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## MISSIONS — WORLD EVANGELISM

The goal of the work of the church of Jesus Christ is to "save and preserve lives." We do that by preaching the good news and doing good deeds. It can be summed up with Worship and Praise, Teaching and Baptizing others locally and around the world while helping the needy.

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SECOND WEDNESDAY NIGHT OF MONTH 6:30 FREE DINNER, FELLOWSHIP,  
AND BIBLE STUDY.**

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