

# Lost Virtues

## "Loyalty"

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### LOST VIRTUES : LOYALTY

- **DISLOYALTY IS DIFFICULT TO SEE IN THE MIRROR.**

(Matthew 26:33-35) Peter replied, "Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will." "I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times." 35 But Peter declared, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you."

- **TRUE LOYALTY IS PROVEN NOT PROCLAIMED.**

(Proverbs 20:6) "Many will say they are loyal friends, but who can find one who is truly reliable?"

**LOYALTY:** aman (aw-man'); to wholly trust or believe in, to be permanent, unwaveringly faithful.

- **LOYALTY CAN'T BE PROCLAIMED; IT HAS TO BE PROVEN.**

(Proverbs 17:17 NLT) "A friend is always loyal, and a brother is born to help in time of need."

(Acts 2:42, 44-46) "They devoted (or they were loyal) themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer...44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts.

- **DISLOYALTY IS OFTEN BORN OUT OF A DIVIDED HEART.**

(James 4:8-9 NLT) "Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world. 9 Let there be tears for what you have done. Let there be sorrow and deep grief.

### 7 TRAITS OF A LOYAL PERSON

1. HONESTY
2. THEY STAND BY YOU AND TAKE A STAND FOR YOU
3. THEY RESPECT BOUNDARIES
4. THEY CELEBRATE YOUR SUCCESS
5. THEY HAVE A POSITIVE OUTLOOK ON LIFE
6. THEY INVEST IN THE RELATIONSHIP
7. THEY DON'T HAVE CONDITIONS IN A RELATIONSHIP

(Prov 3:3-4 NLT) "Never let loyalty and kindness leave you! Tie them around your neck as a reminder. Write them deep within your heart. 4 Then you will find favor with both God and people, and you will earn a good reputation."