



Loyalty

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6: 19–24 “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. “The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eyes are bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness! “No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.”

There is nothing more frustrating than putting your trust in someone, only to discover they are anything but trustworthy. Dishonest, crafty, and selfish, they seek only what suits themselves, caring little for others. They use, deceive, and fracture those around them, thinking little of the damage they leave behind.

Loyalty on the other hand is a rare and treasured commodity. A devoted lover, faithful friend, dependable co-worker, and trustworthy assistant, are all invaluable. People with these character qualities make us feel safe, secure, and productive, because we don't have to worry about whether they are going to steal us blind or taint our reputation. We trust them with our lives because we know they have our best interest at heart. Simply, they are a breath of fresh air.



God treasures loyalty in all of His children. As much as we desire this quality in the people closest to us, He delights in those who follow and fully obey. Unfortunately, a truly dedicated soul is hard to find. He sees deep into the heart of every man, He knows what really makes us tick, and all too often it's selfish motives and arrogant pride.

What makes a person loyal? How can we be a sincere, honest, and trustworthy person? The answer is actually quite simple... choose it! Yes, loyalty is a choice. Ask yourself, "What do I treasure most in my heart?" If you find it hard to answer this question, pull out your checkbook and calendar. Take a good look at each to see where your treasure lies. What gets the majority of your time and bulk of your money? Does your salon get more of your money than God? And, who receives more of your time? Do you give more to meetings at work, soccer games, or outings with your friends than you give to Him? Where your time and money goes, that is where your heart is.

Is it possible your heart's treasure is not where it should be? Maybe God is convicting you to rearrange your priorities and get things right with Him. Perhaps He is asking for more of your loyalty. If so, it isn't too late to get your life in order. God loves it when we open the windows of our heart and let Him in for a thorough spring-cleaning. He is happy to help us toss out the things of the world, allowing us to draw nearer to Him. He is extremely creative with both money and time, and when we give them all to Him, it is amazing what He can do!

Take an honest look at the treasure of your heart and choose to abandon the things that stand in the way of putting God first in



your life. Invest in Him today and serve Him with all of your heart. In doing so, you will be blessed!

Prayer: Dear God, my loyalty has been misplaced for far too long. Open my eyes to see your truth and help me to be more faithful to you. Help me to trust you with all of my time and money so that you can do with it as you please. Thank you for hearing me and guiding me in your way. Amen.

PRAYER: Lord Jesus, may Your name bring new joy to my heart today. Help me to walk closely at Your side and reflect You in all that I do. I receive your name and the hope that it brings. Thank you for dying on the cross for me. Amen.