



# Week 24 – Loyalty

## Day 2

### Negative Examples of Loyalty

Loyalty that is misguided can be and is a very dangerous quality.

Nazi Germany government killed 6 million people because they were Jewish. At the Nuremberg trials for those guilty of the Holocaust, each one claimed loyalty to Hitler for their actions.

Any coach who tells assistant coaches or players that he/she demands loyalty from them is dangerous. That would mean he/she could be abusive in a relationship with assistants or players and no one should say anything. Loyalty in athletics should be directed at the athletes and anything that is detrimental to the team's success should not be dismissed based on loyalty to a person.

Gangs exist and survive because of this misguided loyalty. People do what they know is wrong because they do not want to suffer the consequences of being disloyal. Before you become a part of any organization, you should know the purpose of the organization and if you are expected to be loyal to an individual or to the purpose.

Unfortunately, our senators and congressmen are very poor examples. Most of the votes on bills are based on party lines, not on the merit of the bills.

**Being considered loyal is a good thing. Why is it important to know who or what you are loyal to?**

**Does it take courage to decide not to be loyal to a group? Explain.**

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### **Day 3**

#### **Positive Examples of Loyalty**

“Loyalty means nothing unless it has at its heart the absolute principle of self-sacrifice.” Woodrow Wilson

George Washington was willing to sacrifice his life for freedom from Great Britain.

Abraham Lincoln was willing to die to free slaves.

Nelson Mandela was willing to spend years in prison and to die if necessary to end apartheid in South Africa.

Jackie Robinson was willing to sacrifice ego and pride to better the chances of African American baseball players.

These are some of the people who were loyal to a purpose and made a positive impact.

**What purpose can you be loyal to?**

**Each of the individuals listed above was courageous. Why does it require courage to be loyal?**

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## **Day 4**

What are YOU loyal to?

Loyalty Self Check

Are you loyal to a purpose or to a person?

The most common loyalty is to your family. This is good until it causes harm to someone else just to be loyal.

Sometimes we become enamored with a celebrity and become loyal to him/her. This is not a problem unless it causes you to compromise your loyalty to your purpose.

Some purposes worth being loyal to:

- Helping others
- Education
- Athletics
- Music
- Religion
- Racial equality

**Once you have decided what your purpose in life is, it is easier to become loyal. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Why?**

**Why is it easy to be loyal to your family?**

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## Day 5

### Evaluate Your Week

We've been focused on "Loyalty" this week, how did you do? For every goal not met, explain what happened and what you can do differently next week to have success.

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If you completed goals, what did you learn?

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Write down in complete sentences, something that you learned about "Loyalty" this week.

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Of the three stories, "Negative Examples of Loyalty", "Positive Examples of Loyalty", "What are you loyal to?", which had the greatest impact on you? Why?

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### Demonstration:

For each day of the week, give yourself either "+" if you demonstrated this quality or "-" if you did not.

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