



THEME OF THE MONTH

Loyalty

***Being Committed to Others, Even in Difficult Times
(Loyalty vs. Unreliability)***

1. Faithful to those in authority
2. Faithful to your word / commitments
3. Faithful to a person or a cause
4. Faithful to your obligations and duties

Why is it Important to be Loyal?

“Now that Saul is dead, I ask you to be my strong and loyal subjects...”

2 Samuel 2:7 NLT

“All the officials, the warriors and the sons of King David pledged their loyalty to King Solomon.”

1 Chronicles 29:24 NLT

“A friend is always loyal, and a brother is born to help in time of need.”

Proverbs 17:17 NLT

“Loyalty makes a person attractive. It is better to be poor than dishonest.”

Proverbs 19:22 NLT

How Do We Live a Loyal Life?

1. We understand we are accountable to others, and do so respectfully.
2. We acknowledge our word is our bond, and we do what we said.
3. We realize that commitment to others is essential to right relationships.
4. We believe certain causes require our dedication and support.
5. We fulfill our duties and obligations without question.



MAT CHAT TALKING POINTS

1. What does it mean to be loyal? Give some examples.
2. Who are those in authority we should be loyal to? Why is this so?
3. In the movie, "Hook", a grown up Peter Pan failed to keep his word with his children. Why is it important that we honor our words and keep them.
4. In the Bible it says to let your "yes" be "yes" and your "no" be "no". What does that mean when we look at the importance of being loyal?
5. Why is being a loyal friend important? How does this impact our relationships with others?
6. Is it important that we lend our time and talents to causes or organizations that we believe in? How does this benefit the organization? How does it benefit you?
7. How is loyalty demonstrated in school or while at work? How does this impact that environment and others who may also be involved?
8. How do we demonstrate loyalty when it comes to doing chores or helping out around the home? Who actually benefits from this?
9. How does loyalty make a person attractive?
10. If we are not reliable, what is the impact to others who are counting on us?

Talking Points:

Loyalty is Fundamental: Loyalty is an essential element to having right relationships with others. The ability for others to trust you to do your part and follow through allows them to focus on their own duties and responsibilities, allowing everyone to benefit as a result.

Loyalty requires Commitment: Loyalty is sometimes tough, especially when things are difficult. But keeping true to our word, our responsibilities and duties, and the causes that are important to us is part of being true to ourselves, and not making the lives we live a lie before others.

Loyalty requires Integrity: To make a commitment and fail to honor it is an untruth. Truthfulness and loyalty go hand-in-hand and the level of loyalty we display is a measure of our character.

Loyalty promotes Success: People who are loyal bring out the best in themselves and others, and everyone achieves more as a result. Loyalty breeds mutual success.