

Acts 20 — The Loyalty Factor

Loyalty to Jesus Christ and His way of approaching life requires our humility and obedience.

Loyalty is the quality of devotion or attachment to somebody or something. It's both a feeling and an action. Loyalty is being tested everyday in homes and businesses and human relationships across this planet. Who demands your loyalty or has the right to it? How good are you at remaining loyal? Loyalty affects how you approach life.

1. Jesus as Lord deserves our loyalty

- Choose to declare to Jesus, “I am YOUR woman forever.”
- Choose to remain loyal to Him as our master everyday, ignoring all those other voices calling for us to follow their ways of approaching life. (Acts 20:19)

2. Loyalty requires humility

Humility and gentleness go hand in hand (Matthew 11:28; Ephesians 4:1-2).

Humility is the opposite of self-assertiveness and self-interest...it is not occupied with self at all. (Vines)

3. Humility leads to obedience

*We often learn about life and discern our life path / actions in the wrong way. It isn't the long-term accumulation of knowledge; it's how obedient to God we are with the information we can immediately discern. **God would rather I have understanding of 2 verses that I obey immediately than 20 verses that I don't. Obedience is the key to discernment. It's not “capture and remember;” it's “hear and obey.” (Chip Ingram)***

4. Obedience offers protection

Obedience is necessary to protect yourself from those who distort the truth and draw us away from Jesus and His way of approaching life.