

Forgotten 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." 34 "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 NLT Many will say they are loyal friends, but who can find one who is truly reliable?

2 Samuel 15:19-21 The king said to Ittai the Gittite, "Why should you come along with us? Go back and stay with King Absalom. You are a foreigner, an exile from your homeland. 20 You came only yesterday... Go back, and take your countrymen. May kindness and faithfulness be with you." 21 But Ittai replied to the king, "As surely as the Lord lives, and as my lord the king lives, wherever my lord the king may be, whether it means life or death, there will your servant be."

OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISLOYALTY

1. TO YOUR SPOUSE.

Malachi 2:15-16 NLT Didn't the Lord make you one with your wife... So guard your heart; remain loyal to the wife of your youth. 16 "For I hate divorce!" says the Lord...To divorce your wife is to overwhelm her with cruelty... So guard your heart; do not be unfaithful to your wife."

2. TO YOUR FRIENDS.

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

3. TO CHRIST'S CHURCH.

Acts 2:42, 44-46 They devoted 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 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.