## Leadership and Relationships

Session 3

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### Principle #3:

We must learn and live out true

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• "Be <u>devoted</u> to one another in brotherly love!"

Romans 12:10 NIV

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"Love one another <u>as</u> I have loved you." John 13:34 NIV

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"Endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." Ephesians 4:3 KJV

"If your brother sins against you, go ...take...tell him...! Matthew 18:15,16

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"Everyday we see the lack of loyalty around us in politics, marriages, jobs, friendships, forced early retirements, buyouts, etc. We obviously live in a dogeat-dog world. But, do we have to live in a dog-eat-dog <u>church</u> too?"

#### **Premise**

You can be loyal to God's truth and to your brother at the same time. You don't have to compromise your brother for truth, or truth for your brother.

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### The Clarification About Loyalty

Loyalty is not \_\_\_\_\_\_, or fear based actions.

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 Loyalty is not the compromise of \_\_\_\_\_\_. (Feelings, Self, Thoughts, God's)

Loyalty is not the loss of \_\_\_\_\_.

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Loyalty is not the loss of personal self-\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_.

Loyalty is not the sacrifice of your \_\_\_\_\_, values, or beliefs.

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1. If a person is asked to forfeit truth, choice, integrity, or respect in the name of "loyalty", then the issue is really one of \_\_\_\_\_ and manipulation.

2. Too many people have been made to feel disloyal in a relationship when in fact they only refused to be \_\_\_\_\_.

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3. To control how people feel, think or choose is more \_\_\_\_\_ than Christian.



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 Dictionary - Devotion, true allegiance, being constant and faithful in any relationship.

Loyalty is the \_\_\_\_\_ to be true to myself and to God, and then true to others in my relationships as I serve, stand with them, or stand under them, \_\_\_\_\_.

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Loyalty is a \_\_\_\_\_\_ given to those with whom we share a common: \_\_\_\_\_\_ (Military) \_\_\_\_\_\_ (Marriage) \_\_\_\_\_\_ (Christians) \_\_\_\_\_\_ (Family)

In the Church, all four exist. It is \_\_\_\_\_ we give this to members of the church, and \_\_\_\_ when we don't!

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# The Commitment of Loyalty

"I will neither \_\_\_\_\_ nor \_\_\_\_ a negative report about another person in our fellowship until I know it has first been said to them."

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To "receive" a negative report is to \_\_\_\_\_ it as truth or fact.

To "receive" a negative report is to \_\_\_\_\_ it's validity.

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To "receive" a negative report is to take \_\_\_\_\_ based on the substance of the report. (Words or Deeds)

To not "receive" a negative report is to remind the person with the negative report to obey Matthew 18:15, and to caution them not to the negative report until they have.

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The Contrast to Loyalty - Disloyalty

Disloyalty in a word is
 \_\_\_\_\_\_. (Private first,
 Public second - mental,
 emotional, verbal, social)

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When does disloyalty take place?

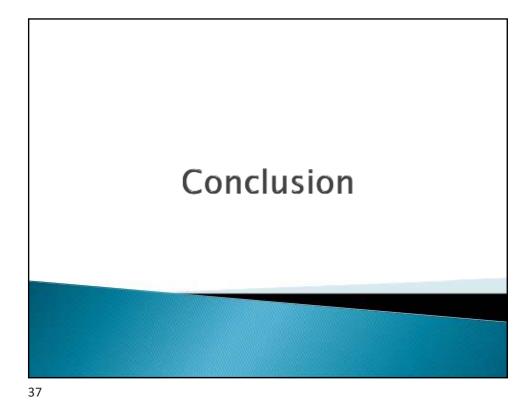
1. When we \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_ negative reports.

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2. When we raise \_\_\_\_\_ against another person; or support it privately, instead of working with the person first for improvement or change.

3. When we fail to stand with a person when they face the \_\_\_\_ of life.

- The motives behind disloyalty are:
  - 1. Self \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2. Self \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3. Self \_\_\_\_\_



"Loyalty in the Church has been based far too much upon \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_.
It needs to begin with one thing...relationships, and be based upon \_\_\_\_\_."

If we are going to be disloyal to anybody, let it be to the Devil, and disassociate with him and all his ways!

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od says, "I will never leave you nor forsake you. Come now, though your sins be as scarlet. Being confident of this one thing, that He who hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."

(Heb. 13:5; Isaiah 1:18; Phil. 1:6)

