

LOYALTY

Loyalty is *Unswerving Allegiance*

Loyalty is *Total Commitment* no matter what happens

To God and to His Word

To our own word

To Family, friends and church

To those in authority over us

To the task assigned to us

The word *Loyal* or *Loyalty* is actually only mentioned 9 times in God's Word but the concept of loyalty is found on every page!

Undivided Loyalty to King David

Men of Zebulun, 50,000 experienced soldiers prepared for battle with every type of weapon, to help David with **undivided loyalty**; 1 Chronicles 12:33

Loyalty of David to the building of the Temple of God

1 Chronicles 29:1, Then King David said to the whole assembly: "My son Solomon, the one whom God has chosen, is young and inexperienced. The task is great, because this palatial structure is not for man but for the LORD God.

² **With all my resources** I have provided for the temple of my God—gold for the gold work, silver for the silver, bronze for the bronze, iron for the iron and wood for the wood, as well as onyx for the settings, turquoise, stones of various colors, and all kinds of fine stone and marble--all of these in large quantities.

³ Besides, in my **devotion to the temple of my God** I now give my personal treasures of gold and silver for the temple of my God, over and above everything I have provided for this holy temple:

⁴ three thousand talents of gold = 110 tons (gold of Ophir) and seven thousand talents of refined silver, (260 tons) for the overlaying of the walls of the buildings, ⁵ for the gold work and the silver work, and for all the work to be done by the craftsmen.

Loyalty of David's officials

Now, who is willing to consecrate himself today to the LORD?"

^{1CH 29:6} Then the leaders of families, the officers of the tribes of Israel, the commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds, and the officials in charge of the king's work **gave willingly**.

⁷ They gave toward the work on the temple of God five thousand talents and ten thousand darics of gold, (190 tons) ten thousand talents of silver, 375 tons) eighteen thousand talents of bronze (675 tons) and a hundred thousand talents of iron. (3,750 tons)

⁸ Any who had precious stones gave them to the treasury of the temple of the LORD in the custody of Jehiel the Gershonite.

⁹ The people rejoiced at the **willing response** of their leaders, for they had **given freely and wholeheartedly to the LORD**. David the king also rejoiced greatly.

David's Loyalty to His God.

^{1CH 29:10} David praised the LORD in the presence of the whole assembly, saying, "Praise be to you, O LORD, God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

^{1CH 29:11} Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.

^{1CH 29:12} Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things.

In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

^{1CH 29:13} Now, our God, **we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name**.

^{CH 29:14} "But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? **Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand**.

¹⁵ We are aliens and strangers in your sight, as were all our forefathers. Our days on earth are like a shadow, without hope. ¹⁶ O LORD our God, as for all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name, it comes from your hand, and **all of it belongs to you**.

Loyalty is contagious

¹⁷ I know, my God, that you test the heart and are pleased with **integrity**. All these things have I **given willingly** and with **honest intent**. And now I have seen with joy how willingly your people who are here have given to you. ¹⁸ O LORD, God of our fathers Abraham, Isaac and Israel, keep this desire in the hearts of your people forever, and **keep their hearts loyal to you**.

David praying for loyalty of his son to God

¹⁹ And give my son Solomon **the wholehearted devotion** to keep your commands, requirements and decrees and to do everything to build the palatial structure for which I have provided."

^{1CH 29:20} Then David said to the whole assembly, "Praise the LORD your God." So they all praised the LORD, the God of their fathers; they bowed low and fell prostrate before the LORD and the king.

^{1CH 29:21} The next day they made sacrifices to the LORD and presented burnt offerings to him: a thousand bulls, a thousand rams and a thousand male lambs, together with their drink offerings, and other sacrifices in abundance for all Israel. ²² They ate and drank with great joy in the presence of the LORD that day.

Loyalty of all Israel to Solomon

Then they acknowledged Solomon son of David as king a second time, anointing him before the LORD to be ruler and Zadok to be priest. ²³ So Solomon sat on the throne of the LORD as king in place of his father David. He prospered and **all Israel obeyed him**.

²⁴ All the officers and mighty men, as well as all of King David's sons, **pledged their submission to King Solomon**.

The response of God to the loyalty of Solomon

^{1CH 29:25} The LORD **highly exalted** Solomon in the sight of all Israel and **bestowed on him royal splendor** such as no king over Israel ever had before.

The response of God to the loyalty of David

^{1CH 29:26} David son of Jesse was king over all Israel. ²⁷ He ruled over Israel forty years--seven in Hebron and thirty-three in Jerusalem. ²⁸ He died at a good old age, **having enjoyed long life, wealth and honor**. His son Solomon succeeded him as king.

The response of God to the loyalty of Daniel and 3 friends

Daniel 1:8 But Daniel **resolved** not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way. ^{DA 1:11} Daniel then said to the guard whom the chief official had appointed over Daniel, Hananiah, Michael and Azariah, ¹² "Please test your servants for ten days: Give us nothing but vegetables to eat and water to drink. ¹³ Then compare our appearance with that of the young men who eat the royal food, and treat your servants in accordance with what you see."

¹⁴ So he agreed to this and tested them for ten days. ^{DA 1:15} At the end of the ten days they **looked healthier and better nourished** than any of the young men who ate the royal food. ¹⁶ So the guard took away their choice food and the wine they were to drink and gave them vegetables instead.

^{DA 1:17} To these four young men **God gave knowledge and understanding of all kinds of literature and learning**. And Daniel could understand visions and dreams of all kinds.

- Healthier and Better Nourished
- Knowledge and understanding of all kinds of literature and learning
- Understand visions and dreams

Let us be unswervingly loyal to our God and Master and give wholehearted devotion to Whom belong the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor for ever and ever. In the Name of Jesus!