

THE PITFALL OF DISLOYALTY

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DISCUSS

A lot of believers do not finish well in life, because their version of loyalty to God is a loyalty that is conditional. What does loyalty to God look like, and what are the reasons why we would want to be unconditionally loyal to Him no matter what situation we face? What happens when we are disloyal to God? Read 2 Chronicles 25.

Background (v. 1-4)

- Who was Amaziah? In what way did He obey the Law of the Lord? What does verse 2 say about his obedience to God?
- What happens when you are not loyal to the Lord wholeheartedly?

Loyalty is standing with God by obeying His commands knowing He is able to help you (v. 5-8)

- How did Amaziah reorganize his army? What did the man of God warn Amaziah about? What's the reason for the warning?
- What does it mean that when you follow God's commands, you have to do it His way, even if it didn't make any sense to you?
- Do you trust God enough to do as He wishes? How are you loyal to God?
- Will you do what is right regardless of the outcome because you desire to obey God and His commands?

Loyalty is standing with God by obeying His commands knowing He can make up your temporary loss (v. 9-13)

- What did Amaziah ask the prophet of God that conveyed his misgivings? What was the response of the prophet? How did Amaziah and his forces win a war against the Edomites?
- Share how you have trusted God by doing the right thing and God made it up to you in ways you can't even imagine.

- How did the change of loyalty happen to Amaziah in verse 14? What did verse 2 say about it?
- Why is half-loyalty not loyalty at all?
- Would you say that you are loyal to GOd? What safeguards do you have to self-check your heart so that your loyalty cannot be changed for whatever reason—whether for a friend or love interest—or be bought because of money?
- Why is it dangerous to think, “I know what is best for me. I don't need to follow God and His commands?” Discuss.

Loyalty to God causes you to turn to things that do not really help you (v. 15-16)

- Why was God's anger aroused against Amaziah? What was Amaziah's response to the prophet who rebuked him?
- What are the “idols” that Christians tend to go to for help instead of being loyal to the One who is able to help us through our problems and issues? Could money and resources and even other people really help you satisfy your loneliness, give you purpose in life, and grant you salvation?
- The Bible warns us that no one can serve two masters. When you are not loyal to God, then you are loyal to the world. There is no neutral ground. Who (or what) do you turn to first when you're in trouble? How is your loyalty to God being shown in your actions?

Disloyalty to God often causes one looking for temporary gain to experience permanent loss (v. 17-28)

- Why did Amaziah want to pick another fight with his neighbor (v. 13). What was the warning given to him through an analogy in verse 18?
- What's the point of the story? What was the result of Amaziah's arrogance (v. 20-24)?
- Why is God under no obligation to rescue you when you become disloyal and abandon Him especially when He has warned you about it? Why should you not take Him for granted even if He forgives and welcomes back an erring child?

REFLECT

(v. 25-18) Amaziah was assassinated by his own people, a bitter irony at the end of his life because it was him who first became disloyal to God. As you start a new year, have you made a resolute decision to avoid the pitfall of disloyalty to God? What action steps would you take to build up your loyalty to Him?

PRAY

Heavenly Father, thank You so much for the good reminder about unconditional loyalty to You. Help me, Lord, to be a faithful follower of Jesus Christ in all circumstances because He is able to help me to go through life regardless of what situation I may be in. Lord God, help me to finish life well for Your glory. In Jesus' name. Amen.