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1. What does it mean to be loyal to someone?

It has several meanings, Faithful: True to the fact or teaching, Dedicated: You do not keep score, like keeping brownie points. You work towards a common goal. Devoted: It is a part of your belief or concern. You follow the teachings of the bible, as the Holy Spirit teaches you. **1Jo 2:27** and not just man. **Col 2:8**

In marriage, stay away from emotional or sexual affairs.

Matthew 5:28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her (or him) hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

All INFIDELITY begins with so called harmless flirtation!

YOU CANNOT Live a single life and still remain committed to your marriage.

A Friend - Most marriages today Fail because they don't know how to be a friend to their spouse, if your a friend, you will overlook their short comings and will let it go in one ear and out the other. (Jesus does) Also a TRUE FRIEND will not turn a blind eye or keep quiet if you are doing something that is detrimental to your spiritual growth or you are diminishing your integrity.

AFTER ALL, a spouse cannot have short comings, THEY ARE YOUR SPOUSE.

2. What's the difference between a friend and Jesus?

A human friend will at some point, dissolution you by not being honest with you or saying something against you. A true friend will tell you the truth or avoid your question. They will not say "It looks good on you," when its not true. Many friends are what is called, Fair Weather Friends, you know, as long as your beneficial to them and their ego and do not disagree with them.

AFTER ALL, They have feelings too.

Jesus on the other hand is one who, "sticks closer than a brother" (**Prov18:24**)

He will not lie to you, forsake you, nor get angry with you nor condemn you, even when you don't listen to him. He will not shrug his shoulders at you, nor in anyway make you feel stupid or inferior. YOU HAVE NO PROBLEM DOING THAT TO YOURSELF.

When we are told the truth, and feel condemned (whether by the word or a friend) it is our OWN conscience that condemns us, NOBODY ELSE.

He is a gentleman he don't shout or get ticked off.

3. What happens when we think we are accomplishing things for God?

Well first of all, judge yourself, **2Co 13:5**, check your motives, your desires and do they line up with what the word teaches?

Are you trusting the Spirit of God, or are you trusting in your natural mind and abilities?

Ga 6:3 For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing he deceiveth himself. (Carnal mind)

How do you find the balance between confidence in your abilities and dependence on God? **Php 4:13** I can do all things through Christ which strengthenth me.

3. Sometimes disagreements in churches can become so serious that you have no choice but to leave. **2Ti 3:5*** Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

But what if God calls you to stay in order to be an "agent of renewal"? as in obeying the voice of the LORD? **1Sa 15:22** Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.

List some of the ways God could use you to bring about positive change in a church with

problems.

BE AN EXAMPLE - DON'T COMPROMISE

Mt 5:16* Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

4. According to William Larkin, our freedom in Christ needs to be directed to two higher purposes: (1) to advance the Good News message of Christ, and Mark 16:15-20
(2) to promote the unity of the body.

Ga 3:28* There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

What happens when we don't use our freedom to accomplish these two goals? Nutshell - Muslims win

5. Can people shut out the message of salvation so often that they seal their own doom?
YES -

Ge 6:3 And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man,

Why or why not? 1Ti 4:2* Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

6. Paul admitted he was wrong to talk back to Anania. What does this tell you about Paul's character? He was willing to take instruction and correction.

One of our biggest downfalls, is that we refuse to examine ourselves.

Respond to this quote from Lloyd Ogilvie: "It's not our mistakes that do us in; it's our pride that keeps us from admitting them." 1Jo 2:16* For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

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