

No. 10      Be Loyal, as Jesus Was (Symposium)  
                  -When Praised

[PLEASE NOTE: This talk includes a video. Each part in this symposium will address (1) how our loyalty is challenged, (2) how Jesus maintained his loyalty, and (3) how we can maintain ours]

HOW IS OUR LOYALTY TO JEHOVAH CHALLENGED WHEN WE ARE PRAISED? (1 min.)  
Sincere praise builds up and motivates others

But praise can also pose a test, for if we develop feelings of superiority, it can lead to our spiritual downfall (Pr 27:21; w06 9/15 19 ¶12)

HOW DID JESUS MAINTAIN HIS LOYALTY WHEN PRAISED? (3 min.)

Jesus never let praise make him feel proud or superior

He did not allow flattery to affect his thinking (Lu 20:21-26)

He condemned the use of titles to glorify men (Mt 23:6-11; w00 6/15 21-22 ¶16)

He did not take credit for his work [Read Mark 10:17, 18]

He never sought glory for himself (Joh 8:54)

HOW CAN WE MAINTAIN OUR LOYALTY WHEN PRAISED? (3 min.)

Because we are imperfect, we have to be careful even when the praise we receive is well-deserved

When we have success, it usually results from God's blessing, not our abilities (2Co 3:5)

We must continually work to cultivate humility [Read Proverbs 27:2]

Otherwise, our strength could easily become our weakness

We do not exaggerate our own worth but humbly acknowledge good that others have done

We do not reach out for privileges of service in order to please men or receive their praise (Col 3:23)

If we are pleasing to Jehovah, we will please all those who love him

Cultivating humility leads to praise from Jehovah (Jas 4:10)

In the following dramatization, note how a person can show loyalty when praised

VIDEO (3 min.)

BE DETERMINED TO MAINTAIN YOUR LOYALTY WHEN PRAISED (1 min.)

Pride will lead to disloyalty and God's disapproval (Pr 16:18, 19)

Jehovah is behind any success we enjoy (Ps 115:1)

Do not accept glory from men

Loyally give glory to those to whom it belongs, and your humility will lead to rich blessings (Pr 22:4)

Brother \_\_\_\_\_ will now develop the theme "Be Loyal, as Jesus Was -When Tired"

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