

No. 19 Helping Others to Become Loyal to Jehovah (Symposium)
 -Unbelieving Mates

[PLEASE NOTE: This talk includes an interview. Follow instructions in assignment letter]

PURPOSE OF THIS SYMPOSIUM (1 min.)

Today's theme highlights an important way that we show our loyalty to Jehovah [Read Psalm 145:10]

Loyalty will move us to praise Jehovah by our words and conduct

This can move others to attach themselves to Jehovah (1Pe 2:12)

This symposium will discuss how we can praise Jehovah by assisting unbelieving mates, former Bible students, inactive ones, and our family members

There is great potential for such ones to join us as loyal servants of Jehovah because they have already had some exposure to the truth

INSIGHT NEEDED (1 min.)

Having insight will help us to be empathetic (Pr 16:20-23)

Many unbelievers try to be good marriage mates and parents

They may have their own deeply held religious beliefs

Their view of Jehovah's Witnesses may be influenced by uninformed or prejudiced associates

Some resent that their spouse devotes time to worship that used to be spent with the family

HOW TO HELP (4 min.)

The best way to witness to an unbelieving mate, at least initially, may be by our conduct [Read 1 Peter 3:1, 2]

An unbeliever should be able to see that his or her mate is more loyal now than before (Eph 5:31; w01 10/1 23 ¶2)

Brothers can take an interest in unbelieving husbands; sisters, in unbelieving wives

Look for opportunities to show kindness and to offer practical help, even if the unbeliever is opposed (Ro 12:20, 21; w12 2/15 29 ¶14)

Interest can be shown by occasionally inviting a Christian and his or her mate to a meal

Do not feel that you must quickly turn the conversation toward spiritual subjects (km 11/10 6 ¶4)

Some unbelievers may accept your invitation to study the Bible *after* you have developed a rapport with them

Others may need to have their interest in the Bible cultivated by several conversations on topics of interest to them, such as the future, the family, or good government

Elders especially should reach out to unbelieving mates (km 11/10 6 ¶5)

Unbelievers may be receptive to Scriptural encouragement from elders when experiencing difficulties, such as health problems or despair over the death of a loved one

INTERVIEW (2 min.)

[Interview a former unbeliever who became interested in the truth because of the good conduct of his or her mate or the words or actions of a publisher. Ask: How did you feel when your husband (or wife) became one of Jehovah's Witnesses? What caused you to become interested in the truth?]

A THREEFOLD CORD (1 min.)

Seldom does an unbelieving mate come into the truth solely because of the efforts of his or her spouse

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Your efforts to assist an unbelieving mate may bring a great blessing to him or her and to the family

When a husband and wife are united in their loyalty to Jehovah, the result is a strong, happy union that honors the Originator of marriage (Ec 4:12)

Brother _____ will now discuss how we can help former Bible students to become loyal to Jehovah

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