

No. 23 Do Not Imitate Disloyal Ones (Symposium)  
-Adam

[PLEASE NOTE: This talk includes a video]

"WRITTEN FOR A WARNING TO US" (2 min.)

The Bible encourages us to imitate worthy examples (Heb 13:7)

It also exhorts us to learn from *bad* examples (1Co 10:6, 11;  
Jude 5-7)

Such examples help us not to make the same mistakes

Especially do we want to avoid the course of disloyal ones

A disloyal person initially pledges his devotion to Jehovah but  
later chooses a course of ingratitude and betrayal (Ps 145:10)

Never do we want to follow such a treacherous course!

In this symposium, we will consider four such examples

As we review each example, we will isolate three elements:

- (1) How disloyalty was shown
- (2) What motivated the disloyal act
- (3) How we can avoid being disloyal

HOW ADAM DISPLAYED DISLOYALTY (1 min.)

Adam had abundant reasons to demonstrate loyal obedience

God gave Adam life, a perfect mate, a paradise home, purposeful  
work, and regular communication with Him

Adam's initial appreciation was reflected poetically (Ge 2:23)

Yet, when his wife encouraged him to disregard God's clear  
command, he joined her in rebellion (Ge 3:6)

WHY ADAM CHOSE TO BE DISLOYAL (2 min.)

[Read 1 Timothy 2:14] "Adam was not deceived" (*it-2* 963 ¶7)

Although he recognized that Eve's relationship with God had  
changed forever, his misplaced loyalty moved him to throw in his  
lot with her

His ingratitude is reflected in his words found at Genesis 3:12

Adam attempted to shift the blame to his wife and implied that God  
bore responsibility for his disloyalty (*w14* 8/15 7 ¶4)

What heartache Adam brought on the human family by being disloyal!

HOW WE CAN AVOID FOLLOWING ADAM'S BAD EXAMPLE (2 min.)

When others are disloyal—perhaps engaging in negative speech,  
murmuring, or harmful gossip, will we remain loyal to Jehovah?

If a friend takes a false step, will we ensure that he gets the  
spiritual help he needs? (*Ga* 6:1; *w97* 8/1 13 ¶17)

If we learn of serious wrongdoing in the congregation, will we keep  
silent or will we speak? (*Le* 5:1; *Ec* 3:7)

VIDEO (2 min.)

YOUR LOYALTY CAN PRESERVE YOU AND OTHERS (1 min.)

Showing loyalty often benefits others [Read James 5:19, 20]

Some are brought to their senses by such loyalty

By rejecting the disloyal course of our forefather Adam, you will  
preserve your relationship with Jehovah

Let us give our attention to Brother \_\_\_\_\_ as he helps us to avoid  
imitating the bad example of another disloyal one, Absalom

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