

No. 42 Pursue What Builds Loyalty (Symposium)  
-Appreciation

[PLEASE NOTE: This talk includes a video]

PURSUE THE THINGS THAT BUILD LOYALTY (1 min.)

A loyal person lovingly *attaches* himself to another (*it-2* 280)

This symposium will discuss four qualities that will help strengthen our attachment to Jehovah

As in the preceding symposium, note that both attitudes and actions are involved

HOW DOES APPRECIATION BUILD LOYALTY? (2 min.)

When we receive a beautiful gift from a close friend, we are appreciative, and our attachment to our friend becomes stronger  
Jehovah has given us many wonderful gifts [Read Psalm 116:12]

Consider "all the good" Jehovah has done for us

The ransom, his Word, his holy spirit, and Bible understanding are some of his 'perfect presents' (Jas 1:17)

Our appreciation for these gifts strengthens our attachment to Jehovah, moving us to serve him loyally, thus living up to our dedication [Read Psalm 116:14]

We maintain our loyalty to him "day after day" (Ps 61:8)

HOW TO BUILD APPRECIATION (4 min.)

Make it a habit to focus on the good in others

Focusing on faults can blind us to how Jehovah is using his organization and the faithful slave (Mt 24:45)

That Jehovah accomplishes so much using imperfect humans is a cause for praising him (1Co 1:27, 28)

Lack of appreciation leads to a critical spirit, which leads to disloyalty

Meditate on and talk appreciatively about Jehovah's organization (Ps 48:12-13; w11 3/15 17-20)

No other organization is providing Bible-based spiritual food

The global preaching work is being carried out in harmony with Jesus' command and prophecy (Mt 24:14; 28:19, 20)

To help accomplish this, Bible literature is available in over 750 languages

In the following dramatization, note how a lack of appreciation can lead to serious consequences

VIDEO (3 min.)

WILL YOU BUILD APPRECIATION? (1 min.)

[Emphasize the following expressions from the video] 'Appreciation for everything—everything that Jehovah had done for us. . . . Appreciation for Jehovah's organization'

Those words, stated in the discussion in the video, provide a sobering lesson for us

If we want to build an unbreakable attachment to Jehovah, we must, in both attitude and action, do as 1 Thessalonians 5:18 says:

"Give thanks for everything"

By doing so, we will do as our convention theme says—"Remain Loyal to Jehovah!"

Brother \_\_\_\_\_ will now consider the next part of this symposium, "Pursue What Builds Loyalty—Self-Control"

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