

AA32. Being Faithful, Trustworthy and Loyal.

We are to be faithful, trustworthy, and loyal.

AA32a: *We are to be faithful.*

AA32b: *We are to be trustworthy.*

AA32c: *We are to be loyal.*

This precept is derived from His Word (blessed is He):

Key New Testament Scriptures

1 Corinthians 4:1-2

So, you should regard us as the Messiah's servants, as trustees of God's secret truths. Now the one thing that is asked of a trustee is that he be found trustworthy

1 Corinthians 4:17

This is why I have sent you Timothy, my beloved and trustworthy child in the Lord. He will remind you of the way of life I follow in union with the Messiah Yeshua and teach everywhere in every congregation.

Philippians 4:3

I also request you, loyal Syzygus, to help these women; for they have worked hard proclaiming the Good News with me, along with Clement and the rest of my fellow-workers whose names are in the Book of Life.

1 Timothy 6:11

But you, as a man of God, flee from these things; and pursue righteousness, godliness, faithfulness, love, steadfastness, gentleness.

2 Timothy 2:12

If we persevere, we will also rule with him. If we disown him, he will also disown us.

2 Timothy 3:4

[People will be] traitorous, headstrong, swollen with conceit, loving pleasure rather than God,

Hebrews 10:33

Sometimes you were publicly disgraced and persecuted, while at other times you stood loyally by those who were treated this way.

Revelation 2:10

Don't be afraid of what you are about to suffer. Look, the Adversary is going to have some of you thrown in prison, in order to put you to the test; and you will face an ordeal for ten days. Remain faithful, even to the point of death; and I will give you life as your crown.

Revelation 14:12

This is when perseverance is needed on the part of God's people, those who observe his commands and exercise Yeshua's faithfulness.

Revelation 21:8

But as for the cowardly, the untrustworthy, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those involved with the occult and with drugs, idol-worshippers, and all liars- their destiny is the lake burning with fire and sulfur, the second death.

Additional New Testament Scriptures

Matthew 5:37, 6:24

Romans 1:31

1 Corinthians 4:16-17

Galatians 3:2, 24-26, 5:5-6, 22-23

1 Timothy 1:12, 2:7

2 Timothy 2:22

Titus 2:9-10

James 1:7-8, 4:8, 5:12

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CB14 Not Divorcing Except on Biblical Grounds

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NA12 Abiding with Someone Trustworthy When Travelling for Ministry

Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

Numbers 12:7

But it isn't that way with my servant Moshe. He is the only one who is faithful in my entire household.

1 Chronicles 12:33(32)-34(33)

Of the descendants of Yissakhar, men who understood the times and knew what Isra'el ought to do, there were 200 leaders, and all their kinsmen were under their command. Of Z'vulun, 50,000 men were fit for military service, experienced in war and able to use all kinds of weapons; they were brave, and none was doubleminded.

Psalms 30:5(4)

Sing praise to ADONAI, you faithful of his; and give thanks on recalling his holiness.

Psalms 31:24(23)

Love ADONAI, you faithful of his. ADONAI preserves the loyal, but the proud he repays in full.

Psalms 37:28

For ADONAI loves justice and will not abandon his faithful; they are preserved forever. But the descendants of the wicked will be cut off.

Psalms 50:5

Gather to me my faithful, those who made a covenant with me by sacrifice.

Psalms 97:10

You who love ADONAI, hate evil! He keeps his faithful servants safe. He rescues them from the power of the wicked.

Psalms 119:113

I hate doubleminded people, but I love your Torah.

Proverbs 25:13

Like the coldness of snow in the heat of the harvest is a faithful messenger to the one who sends him; he refreshes his master's spirit.

Ezekiel 48:11

The portion set aside as holy will be for the cohanim who are descendants of Tzadok that remained faithful to my commission and did not go astray when the people of Isra'el and the L'vi'im went astray.

Daniel 6:5(4)

The other chiefs and the viceroys tried to find a cause for complaint against Dani'el in regard to how he performed his governing duties, but they could find nothing to complain about, no fault; on the contrary, because he was so faithful, not a single instance of negligence or faulty administration could be found.

Comment

Faithfulness is the quality of being dependable in one's attempt to carry out a task or duty. Trustworthiness is similar but includes assurance that the person one trusts will not veer from the given task through lack of wisdom or temptation and that the means he or she chooses to carry out the task will be the best or at least appropriate. Loyalty (also fidelity) is maintaining devoted attachment to a person, task or principle and the assurance that one cannot not be lured to another. Faithfulness, trustworthiness and loyalty are grouped herein into a single *Mitzvah* because a person cannot be one of them without also being the other two.

Faithfulness, trustworthiness, and loyalty are virtues only so long as the persons, entities, or principles to which they are applied are themselves virtuous or at least one believes them to be virtuous. Their application in the Bible and in this *Mitzvah* is to God, Yeshua, and to brother

believers, and unless they are said to be otherwise, they are considered virtues in all biblical contexts.

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