

Behold Test 7

Loyalty vs. Skepticism

1. Write from memory the definition of the Fruit of Righteousness - Loyalty:

2. To show that you not only know the definition of loyalty but that you also understand its meaning, please give two examples of how you have remained loyal since you began your study of this Fruit of Righteousness:

a) _____

b) _____

3. Write from memory the definition of the Work of Self-Righteousness - Skepticism:

4. To show that you not only know the definition of skepticism but that you also understand its meaning, please give two examples of ways in which your mind has been skeptical in your life before you knew it was an alternative to the Fruit of Righteousness - Loyalty:

a) _____

b) _____

5. Using your dictionary, dissect and define the words in parenthesis found in Proverbs 17:17:

“A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.” - Proverbs 17:17

“A (friend) _____ (loveth)
_____ at all (times) _____, and a (brother)
_____ is (born) _____ for (adversity)
_____.” -Proverbs 17:17

6. Information Application: Please re-read Proverbs 17:17 using your dissected and defined meanings. Rewrite in your own words (paraphrase) what this verse means to you. This method of studying your Bible will help you to better understand what God is trying to teach you so that you are more apt to apply it in your life.

7. Using your dictionary, dissect and define the words in parenthesis found in John 15:12-14:

“This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.”
- John 15:12-14

“This is my (commandment) _____, That ye (love) _____ one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man (lay down) _____ his (life) _____ for his (friends) _____. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.”
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9. Please explain the meaning of the following phrases as explained in Bro. Curington’s book, *Tall Law: When trying hard to do better isn’t good enough!*:

a. II Timothy 2:15 mentions “dividing the word.” Please explain what God means by this statement:

b. Psalm 119:11 says, “Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.” What does God mean when He tells us to hide His Word in our hearts that we might not sin?

c. You can best understand the word “heart” by picturing it equally attached to both our soul and spirit. The heart affects all three parts of our soul. Please name the three parts of our soul that the heart affects:

10. Using your dictionary, dissect and define the words in parenthesis found in Proverbs 19:7:

“All the brethren of the poor do hate him: how much more do his friends go far from him? he pursueth them with words, yet they are wanting to him.”
- Proverbs 19:7

“All the (brethren) _____ of the (poor) _____ do (hate) _____ him: how much more do his (friends) _____ (go far) _____ from him? he (pursueth) _____ them with words, yet they are (wanting) _____ to him.”
- Proverbs 19:7

11. Loyalty is an act that necessitates the demonstration of a measure of devotion those whom God has used to develop your life. In a few sentences, please share from your own experience such a demonstration from your own life toward those God has directed you to serve.

Student Self-Evaluation

-Using Information To Develop Your Personal Relation

As a developing Christian, God will place you in difficult situations that will give you opportunities to demonstrate our devotion those God leads us to serve. While in these situations you may find yourself submitting to this fruit, or you may fall into doubting the validity of our leadership's authenticity. When we "try hard to do better," we find our thoughts doubting those God's given us to follow. When we learn to yield to God's power, He will increase our devotion to serve those whom He leads us to serve.

After learning these truths, how have you found yourself responding to these opportunities:

☐ - I usually exhibit the Fruit of Righteousness - Loyalty

☐ - I struggle with yielding to the Work of Self-Righteousness - Skepticism

How do you think you could maintain your loyalty amidst the temptation to be skeptical after having experienced your leadership's humanity? Remember, trying harder to do better is not the right answer!

FOR THE DISCIPLER'S USE ONLY:

1. Do you feel your student understands the Fruit of Righteousness—Loyalty and the devil's offsetting work of Skepticism?

Yes

No

2. Would you feel their grasp on these two alternative actions and reactions are:

Strong

Strengthening

Adequate

Minimal

Weak

3. Do you believe this student responds somewhat consistently with loyalty when faced with adversity?

Often

Sometimes

Seldom

Never

4. Do you believe this student is ready to progress to the next fruit test of Contentment?

Yes

No

5. If yes, what leads you to feel this way?_____

6. If no, what are your reasons?_____
