

KINGDOM: Loyalty & Honour

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Loyalty

"Loyalty is one of the most valuable traits in the Kingdom. Nebuchadnezzar's life was actually transformed because Daniel stood in his presence when he got an interpretation of a dream that would mean Nebuchadnezzar's destruction. Now, here's an ungodly king – demonically inspired king – that Daniel is a servant to. And the king has him interpret this dream. And he says to the king, he says, "Oh that it was against your enemies and not you." Now many believers in that position would say, "I've been telling you, you can't get away with creating idols, and having people worship you. This is something, you know, you've sowed this and now you're going to have to reap it. But not Daniel. Daniel was in a place of such intense loyalty that he says, "I wish that this was against your enemies, not you"¹, even in the judgement of the Lord. What this means is that we are required to stand alongside people that are under God's discipline so that he can discipline them. Because if we point fingers, then God has to defend them. Loyalty is this incredible Kingdom value. However, we defile loyalty with unsanctified mercy when we bring loyalty down to a human level, which means I'm completely devoted to you and these people are ridiculous. I'm completely devoted to you, because you have the truth, and these people are deceived. When my loyalty to you causes me to feel justified to rejecting another stream in the Body of Christ, I've reduced a supernatural trait in value down to a human level and tried to make it spiritual. And when I do that, I lose access to the inheritance I need to finish my destiny."²

Honour

"There's something about honour, that if we can learn how to recover this thing. See, what honour does in the Kingdom is, honour, honour enables us to rejoice and to celebrate who a person is, and not stumble over who they aren't. Now, I'm not saying, overlook immorality and stuff like that. I'm not talking about making excuses for sin. I'm talking about, you've got this person, that's incredibly anointed in the prophetic, but they couldn't administrate themselves out of a wet paper bag. Why is it that in discussions about certain ministries that has to be the focus – what they can't do? How about we celebrate, right, what the person is able to release into the Body of Christ...And there are people in the Body of Christ that when they step up to the plate, man, it's a home run every time. But, they're not up at the plate all the time. This make any sense? It's learning to celebrate who people are. Learning to recognise who people are, by the Spirit, and releasing that honour. Because as we release honour, life is released. You know the verse, "Children honour your parents in the Lord for this is right, you get long life." Life is released in the culture of honour."³

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1 – Daniel 4:19 ("My lord, may the dream be for those who hate you and its message for your enemies." AMP)

2 – Disk #2, session 1, "Discovering Our Spiritual Inheritance" [16:50-18:36]

3 – Disk #2, session 1, "Discovering Our Spiritual Inheritance" [21:36-23:04]