

**Character Trait Apr 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> is Loyalty**  
**Proverbs 11:3, “The integrity of the upright guides them”**

**Character:** the qualities built into an individual's life that determine their responses, regardless of circumstances.

**Loyalty:** Demonstrating commitment to others.

**Derivation:** loy•al•ty n 1: the quality or state of being faithful to a person or institution to which fidelity is due 2: the tie binding a person to that to which fidelity is due.

**Weekly Verse:** Ruth 1:16, “But Ruth replied, “Don’t urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God.”

**Bible Story:** The book of Ruth Chapter 1.

**Quote:** “Loyalty isn’t earned in a day. It is earned day-by-day.”

**Application:**

**Speak Carefully:** What you say about others communicates your loyalty. Choose your words carefully. Reinforce the positive traits you see in others. Avoid jokes that might embarrass or reflect negatively on a family member, teacher, or friend.

**Keep Promises:** When you have said or implied you will do something, keep your word. Fulfill promises, not because of their significance to you but because you value your relationships with others.

**Take Interest:** Remember how you feel when family members do not notice your efforts, interests, goals, and ideas. Make every effort to understand your siblings and parents. Your involvement in their lives shows you are a loyal person.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Is there a time when you should stop being loyal to someone? What would make you stop?
2. Can you be loyal to something besides other people? For instance, can you be loyal to a cell phone provider?