Character Trait Apr 24th – 28th 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: Proverbs 19:22 What is desired in a man is steadfast love, and a poor man is better than a liar.

Bible Story: In the book of Esther we find that Esther remains loyal to Mordecai and the training he has instilled in her.

Quote: "Be loyal to those who are not present. In doing so, you build the trust of those who are present." – Stephen Covey

Application: **Be loyal even when it costs you**. Esther was loyal to her cousin and to her people even facing severe punishment.

Be whole hearted in your loyalty; It's an all or nothing deal. Don't even hint at disloyalty so as to avoid distrust by those listening to you.

Discussion Questions:

- 1. When is it the hardest to be a loyal friend, Christian, or son/daughter/sibling?
- 2. In your own life, whom do you expect loyalty from?