

What are the characteristics of a committed person?

PROVERBS 11:3

Honesty guides good people.

A loyal person is trustworthy, and therefore honest.

1 CHRONICLES 11:18

So the Three broke through the Philistine lines, drew some water from the well by the gate in Bethlehem, and brought it back to David.

A loyal person will make great personal sacrifices for friends.

PROVERBS 17:17

A friend is always loyal, and a brother is born to help in time of need.

A loyal person doesn't abandon a relationship when things get tough.

We all want and need good friends in our lives. However, we are often quite self-focused when it comes to family and friendships. Yet, we see that the church was to be an outreaching, inclusive family of God for all nations. It's so important to remind ourselves that Jesus has been the ultimate friend—he gave his life in love for us. Now it is our turn to be Jesus' friend, which means that we love one another as he has loved us.

The Holy Spirit is working in us to reveal the IMAGE of God (the Imago Dei). As we meditate on the scriptures above, I encourage you to see JESUS as our loyal friend and brother. He is the ultimate COVENANTAL friend who gave His all for us. But he continues to be that friend today. Thank Him for the many things He has done in our life and the lives of our family and friends. He is faithful.

SING & Pray: https://youtu.be/kzYqRgh06_k

What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,

All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.

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