

Loyalty!

THE MAN that meets you out in the open, who tells you why he is against you, can claim every consideration due an honorable adversary, but the person who poses as your friend and tells you how he likes you, and in a language too profuse to be sincere, expresses his admiration for you, pledges and professes his loyalty and fidelity, only to stab you in the back with bitter, cutting, sarcastic, sinister ridicule, when you are beyond the sound of his voice, is the kind of human specimen that has lost its soul and become a material realization of that celebrated inglorious personage that is credited with holding sway in the metaphysical realm of the wicked.

This characterization is mild when compared with the sorrow, the grief and the untold misery that follow in the wake of the pretending friend who gains your confidence and travels with you along the most secluded paths in the recesses of your mind, only to violate your confidence at every opportunity, in his effort to destroy your business prestige and your social standing for the purpose of blocking your path of progress and retard your labor by making you the laughing stock of the community.

No matter how despicable the public in general considers the character assassin, the inventor of tales about his neighbor, his friend or his business competitor, there are few places where he enters that he is considered persona non grata and given a reception plainly indicating the same. The frailty of human nature needs no further argument where a man or woman listens in silence when an absent friend or acquaintance is being wantonly talked about.

The life that reflects the virtue of loyalty reflects God. Lose this precious jewel and all your possessions can never bring into your life that something you lost when you sacrificed loyalty.

Loyalty is God's own greatest attribute in man.

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