

Enneagram #6 – The Loyalist is a courageous lover of people, attentive to problems, a strategic thinker with a commitment to friendships that is unparalleled, while still doubting they could ever be loved as they love.

Matthew 14:28 – The Story of the Fearful Loyalist

The Positive Reflections of the Loyalist

Matthew 14:20-31 (TPT)

And everyone ate until they were satisfied, for the food was multiplied in front of their eyes! They picked up the leftovers and filled up twelve baskets full! There were about five thousand men who were fed, in addition to many women and children! As soon as the people were fed. Jesus told his disciples to get into their boat and to go to the other side of the lake while he stayed behind to dismiss the people. After the crowds dispersed, Jesus went up into the hills to pray. And as night fell he was there praying alone with God. But the disciples, who were now in the middle of the lake, ran into trouble, for their boat was tossed about by the high winds and heavy seas. At about four o'clock in the morning, Jesus came to them, walking on the waves! When the disciples saw him walking on top of the water, they were terrified and screamed, "A ghost!" Then Jesus said, "Be brave and don't be afraid. I am here!" Peter shouted out, "Lord, if it's really you, then have me join you on the water!" "Come and join me," Jesus replied. So Peter stepped out onto the water and began to walk toward Jesus. But when he realized how high the waves were, he became frightened and started to sink. "Save me, Lord!" he cried out. Jesus immediately stretched out his hand and lifted him up and said, "What little faith you have! Why would you let doubt win?"

- 1. He was the <u>first</u> and <u>only</u> disciple to trust Jesus completely.
- 2. He <u>overcame</u> the waves of fear to get out of the boat.
- 3. He <u>walked</u> on water, and is only the second person in human history to do so.
- 4. He knew who to cry out to when he started to sink.

The problem – "He took his eyes off Jesus" = $\underline{\text{fear}}$.

The Negative Reflections of the Loyalist

- 1. He overthought the situation and <u>reacted</u> emotionally.
- 2. He questioned Jesus' power and authority.
- 3. He took his eyes off of <u>Jesus</u> and put them on the waves.
- 4. He was overcome by fear.

The Pro - He did things no one else did = loyal faith

The Best Reflection of the Loyalist

Jesus was loyal to his death for people who abandoned him. He cared intensely, loved deeply, gave selflessly, prayed faithfully and died for his enemies.

Healthy Loyalists

- Stay committed when everyone else quits.
- Take the biggest steps even though you have fear.
- <u>Love</u> people with an unconditional love that most people can't fathom.

The loyalist needs me to love and appreciate their:

- Cautious and careful approach to life.
- Passion for life and playful personalities
- loyalty and loving support.

Pastor Rick's Reading List

The Road Back to You The Path Between Us

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