

Loyalty

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“A scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.” As a scout, we open every meeting with the scout law. It is drilled into our heads the second we begin scout. Loyalty is the second characteristic in the scout law, for a good scout who follows the scout law and tries their best to fulfill it, loyalty must be significant. If the scout law is made to make someone the best person they can be loyalty must be significant to that goal.

Loyalty itself can be characterized by many different things; one of the big parts of loyalty is constancy and faithfulness. To be loyal you are always there to help the person and thing you are loyal to. You are dependable for that person/cause; you are someone that can be counted on.

I have seen loyalty everywhere in life, be it friends or the people who serve our country. A friendship is built on the idea of loyalty. If your friend was never there for you, if your friend wasn't dependable then you guys would not be good friends. A strong friendship is when two people are dependable and are always there for each other. These friendships are what I feel make life the most meaningful and fulfilling. Having such a good person on your side makes you feel great.

Countries are also shaped through loyalty. The soldiers that defend us, that make sure we are safe are some of the most loyal people out there. They are willing to sacrifice their lives for the beliefs of our country. They are always there; ready to be called to service at a moment's notice. Countries would not exist if there were no loyal soldiers to defend it.

Loyalty also builds countries. If you look at famous countries like Athens, Greece, and even America they all have one thing in common, loyalty was at their base. If no one was loyal to a country the country would be in ruins. No laws could be formed because no one would follow them, no government could be formed because no one would protect and believe in it. The world would be in chaos.

All of these reasons are what make loyalty worthy of being the second characteristic in the scout law. It deserves the title of making a good person in everyone. Loyalty is something that shapes countries, changes lives, and greatly affects us on a daily basis.