

Non-committal/Untrustworthy

Mark 7:18-23.... 18 And he saith unto them, Are ye so without understanding also? Do ye not perceive, that whatsoever thing from without entereth into the man, it cannot defile him; 19 Because it entereth not into his heart, but into the belly, and goeth out into the draught, purging all meats? 20 And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. 21 For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, 22 Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: 23 All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.

Romans 1:29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; **whisperers**⁵⁵⁸⁸, 30 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 31 Without understanding, **covenantbreakers**⁸⁰², without natural affection, **implacable**⁷⁸⁶, unmerciful:

Romans 13:13 Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

2Corinthians 12:20 For I fear, lest, when I come, I shall not find you such as I would, and that I shall be found unto you such as ye would not: lest there be debates, envyings, wraths, strifes, backbitings, **whisperings**⁵⁵⁸⁷, swellings, tumults:

Galatians 5:19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, 20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, 21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told *you* in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

2Timothy 3:2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 Without natural affection, **trucebreakers**⁷⁸⁶, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, 4 **Traitors**⁴²⁷³, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; 5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

The issue of faith is all through the bible. Without it, it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:6). Our relationship with God will also be reflected our relationships with the family of God and our personal families and friends. A faithful person to God will also be a faithful person to others. A faithless person to friends and family is a person that does not yet understand God. The bible does declare that the love we have for Him should be reflected in the love we have for our siblings in Christ (I John 4:20).

Being faithful brings closer relationship. In relationships we commit to one another and build trust. After salvation, the main thing the bible promotes is healthy relationships with those around us and with God.

This is an issue within our lives and within the church. When we become non-committal and untrustworthy to one another it should be a red flag to us as individuals that our faith, commitment and therefore relationship is lacking in Christ.

It seems that being cruddy and grimy are popular ways to live one's life these days. Because of this, relationships don't last as long as they should. Divorce is on the rise. Unwed parents are the norm. It all comes back trustworthiness and commitment.

The Bible declares that the faithless and uncommitted people abound in the world.

Jeremiah 5:1 Run ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in the broad places thereof, if ye can find a man, **if there be any that executeth judgment**, that seeketh the truth.....

Micah 7:2 **The good man is perished out of the earth: and there is none upright among men:** they all lie in wait for blood; they hunt every man his brother with a net.

Luke 18:7-8 And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, **shall he find faith on the earth?**

Psalms 12:1 Help, LORD; **for the godly man ceaseth;** for the faithful fail from among the children of men.

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Trustworthiness

We always claim that we will be there for someone, but when the time comes it will all prove to be true or false.

Prov 20:6 Many a man proclaims his own loyalty,
But who can find a trustworthy man? NASU

Matthew 26:33-35 Peter answered and said unto him, Though all men shall be offended because of thee, yet will I never be offended. Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this night, before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. Peter said unto him, Though I should die with thee, yet will I not deny thee. Likewise also said all the disciples.

Matthew 26:69-71 Now Peter sat without in the palace: and a damsel came unto him, saying, Thou also wast with Jesus of Galilee. But he denied before them all, saying, I know not what thou sayest. And when he was gone out into the porch, another maid saw him, and said unto them that were there, This fellow was also with Jesus of Nazareth.

Because a good name is to be desired above riches, it is not a good idea for children of God to be known associates of untrustworthy people. Even if they are fun to hand around with, why would you be interested in a person that has no integrity?

Prov 20:19 He who goes about as a slanderer reveals secrets,
Therefore do not associate with a gossip. (NASU)

Are we dependable?

Prov 25:19 Like a bad tooth and an unsteady foot
Is confidence in a faithless man in time of trouble. (NASU)

A Cheater

Prov 20:10, 23
10 Differing weights and differing measures,
Both of them are abominable to the LORD. (NASU)
23 Differing weights are an abomination to the LORD,
And a false scale is not good. (NASU)

Prov 20:14 "Bad, bad," says the buyer,
But when he goes his way, then he boasts. (NASU)

Non-Committal¹:

Procrastination is not being committed to doing things the right way at the right time.

Prov 20:4 The sluggard does not plow after the autumn,
So he begs during the harvest and has nothing. (NASU)

¹ Implacable (irreconcilable, non-committal, never give in to others)

Extreme Cases

Traitor 4273

John 13:21 When Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me.

Proverbs 27:6 Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.

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Prov 26:22 The words of a whisperer are like dainty morsels,
And they go down into the innermost parts of the body. NASU

How does this affect my faith?

How does this affect my future?

How does this affect my congregation?

Appendix D

Implacable 786

786 aspondoV {as'-pon-dos}

from 1 (as a negative particle) and a derivative of 4689;; adj

AV - implacable 1, trucebreakers 1; 2

1) without a treaty or covenant 1a) of things not mutually agreed upon e.g. abstinences from hostilities 2) that cannot be persuaded to enter into a covenant, implacable

IMPLACABLE

aspondos NT:**786** lit. denotes "without a libation" (a, negative, sponde, "a libation"), i. e., "without a truce," as a libation accompanied the making of treaties and compacts; then, "one who cannot be persuaded to enter into a covenant," "implacable," 2 Tim 3:3 (KJV, "truce-breakers"). Some mss. have this word in Rom 1:31.

Note: Trench (Syn. Sec. lii) contrasts aspondos with asunthetos; see Note under COVENANTBREAKERS. Aspondos may signify "untrue to one's promise," asunthetos "not abiding by one's covenant, treacherous."

Untrustworthy 802

802 asungetoV {as-oon'-thet-os}

from 1 (as a negative particle) and a derivative of 4934;; adj

AV - covenant breaker 1; 1

1) uncompounded, simple 2) covenant breaking, faithless

COVENANT-BREAKERS

asunthetos NT:**802**, from suntithemi (see above), with the negative prefix a hence signifies "not covenant-keeping," i. e., refusing to abide by "covenants" made, "covenant-breaking," faithless, Rom 1:31.

In the Sept. it is found in Jer 3:8-11. Cf. the corresponding verb asuntithemi, in the Sept. of Ps 73:15, "to deal treacherously" (RV), and the noun asunthesua, "transgression, or covenant-breaking," e. g., Ezra 9:2,4; 10:6.

Note: Trench, Syn. Sec. lii, notes the distinction between *asunthetos* and *aspondos*, "implacable," the latter, in 2 Tim 3:3 only, being derived from *sponde*, "a sacrificial libation," which accompanied treaty-making; hence, with the negative prefix *a*, "without a treaty or covenant," thus denoting a person who cannot be persuaded to enter into a "covenant." He points out that *asunthetos* presumes a state of peace interrupted by the unrighteous, *aspondos* a state of war, which the implacable refuse to terminate equitably. The words are clearly not synonymous.

Traitor 4273

4273 *prodothV* {prod-ot'-ace}

from 4272 (in the sense of giving forward into another's [the enemy's] hands); n
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AV - traitor 2, betrayer 1; 3

1) a betrayer, traitor

TRAITOR

prodotes NT:**4273** denotes "a betrayer, traitor"; the latter term is assigned to Judas, virtually as a title, in Luke 6:16; in 2 Tim 3:4 it occurs in a list of evil characters, foretold as abounding in the last days. See BETRAY, B.

BETRAY, BETRAYER

A. Verb.

paradidomi NT:3860, "to betray" (*para*, "up," *didomi*, "to give"), lit., "to give over," is used either (a) in the sense of delivering a person or thing to be kept by another, to commend, e. g., Acts 28:16; (b) to deliver to prison or judgment, e. g., Matt 4:12; 1 Tim 1:20; (c) to deliver over treacherously by way of "betrayal," Matt 17:22 (RV, "delivered"); 26:16; 6:64 etc.; (d) to hand on, deliver, e. g., 1 Cor 11:23; (e) to allow of something being done, said of the ripening of fruit, Mark 4:29, RV, "is ripe" (marg., "alloweth"). See BRING, Note (4), CAST, COMMIT, DELIVER, GIVE, HAZARD, PUT (in prison), RECOMMEND.

B. Noun.

prodotes NT:**4273**, "a betrayer" (akin to A), is translated "betrayers" in Acts 7:52; "traitor," "traitors," in Luke 6:16 and 2 Tim 3:4. See TRAITOR.

Whisperings 5587/5588

5587 yiqurismoV {psith-oo-ris-mos'}

from a derivative of psithos (a whisper; by implication, a slander, probably akin to 5574);; n m

AV - whispering 1; 1

1) a whispering, i.e. secret slandering 2) of the magical murmuring of a charmer of snakes

5588 yiquristhV {psith-oo-ris-tace'}

from the same as 5587;; n m

AV - whisperer 1; 1

1) a whisperer, secret slanderer, detractor

WHISPERER, WHISPERING

1. psithuristes NT:**5588**, "a whisperer," occurs in an evil sense in Rom 1:29.

2. psithurismos NT:**5587**, "a whispering," is used of "secret slander" in 2 Cor 12:20. In the Sept., Eccl 10:11, of "a murmured enchantment."

Note: Synonymous with No. 1 is katalalos, "a backbiter" Rom 1:30#, the distinction being that this denotes one guilty of open calumny, psithuristes, one who does it clandestinely.