

Life of Joseph

Lessons in Humility, Leadership and Forgiveness

Integrity

- When Joseph led his brothers in honoring their father's wish to be buried in the cave of the field of Machpelah, it marked another wonderful example of his integrity.
- In this study we will examine Biblical examples that highlight the importance of integrity in a believer's life.
- Jethro instructed Moses to choose men of integrity to share his duties so that he might endure [Ex 18:17-23].
- Moses advised the people of Israel to appoint judges with integrity [Deut 16:18-20].
- Moses also emphasized the importance of being a man of your word [Num 30:1-2].
- Jesus confirmed Moses' teaching when He said, "But let your statement be, 'Yes, yes' or 'No, no'; anything beyond these is of evil." [Matt 5:37].
- Israel acknowledged Samuel's integrity when he was admonishing them for demanding a king [1 Sam 12:1-5].
- The man who saw Absalom hanging in a tree showed integrity by not putting his hand out against the king's son [2 Sam 18:9-12].
- The man of God who gave King Jeroboam a warning would not have disobeyed the Lord's command even if he had been offered a hefty bribe [1 Kings 13:1-10].
- When the temple was being rebuilt, the people who oversaw the construction were so faithful in handling the money that no accounting was required [2 Kings 12:11-15].
- Job's integrity was on display when he was unfazed by Satan's attempt to get him to curse God [Job 2:3].
- Even though his wife asked him to relent, Job asserted that he would hold fast to his integrity [Job 2:9-10; 27:3-6; 29:14; 31:1-40].
- While fleeing from Saul's men, David threw himself at the mercy of the Lord's court knowing that He would be a fair judge of his integrity [Psalm 7:3-5, 8].
- David understood the character and integrity demand by the Lord of those who worship in His sanctuary [Psalm 15:1-5; 24:3-5].
- Because he was walking in God's truth, David was more than happy to have the Lord examine his heart [Psalm 26:1-3].
- God will be a shield for us when we walk in the integrity which He instills in us as we seek His wisdom [Prov 2:2-10; 10:9].
- It pleases God when our integrity is on display [Prov 3:3-4].

- Those with integrity steer away from evil [Prov 4:25-27].
- Integrity will serve as a guide in our lives [Prov 11:3-5].
- Personal integrity is more valuable than riches [Prov 19:1; 28:6].
- The righteous man who walks in integrity will have a positive impact on his descendants [Prov 20:7].
- If we live according to our integrity there will be those who hate us [Amos 5:10].
- God is with those who walk in righteousness [Isa 33:15-16; Ezek 18:5-9].
- We develop integrity by being faithful in the little things which leads to faithfulness in the bigger things [Luke 16:10].
- Our integrity is strengthened as we dwell on the character traits which reflect the integrity of Christ [Phil 4:8].
- When we have integrity, our conscience is clear before God and man [Acts 23:1; 24:16; Rom 9:1; 2 Cor 4:1-2; 5:11; 7:2; 8:21; 1 Tim 1:5; 3:9; Heb 13:18; 1 Pet 3:16].
- The overseer (pastor) of a church must have integrity that is obvious to everyone in the congregation [Titus 1:7-9].
- Our integrity shines through in dignified deeds and speech, in accordance with the pure truth of God's word [Titus 2:7-8].
- Conclusions
 - God manifests true character and integrity in us as we seek His wisdom and diligently study His word.
 - One key aspect of our integrity is that our word will mean something.
 - Our adversary will do everything he can to undermine our integrity.
 - Personal integrity is more valuable than all the riches the world has to offer.
 - Our integrity is a direct reflection of the integrity of our Savior Jesus Christ.
 - When our walk is characterized by integrity, we will be in harmony with God and our deeds and speech will reflect that.
 - Christian integrity is the product of spiritual growth and starts with faithfulness in the small things.
 - While integrity is critical for the leaders of our churches, integrity is important for all believers.
 - The integrity of one single Christian can impact the lives of many generations to come.