

SERMON OUTLINE

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The Integrity of Abimelech

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IV. Introduction

- A. Are you a person of integrity? Psalm 26:1-3
- B. Examine an unlikely man of integrity - Abimelech - Genesis 20

V. Abimelech's Integrity (Integrity Shows in...)

- A. How You Handle Failure and the Truth
 - 1. *ACCEPTED THE TRUTH WITHOUT EXCUSE: 20:3*
 - 2. *YEAH, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN EASY*
 - a. John 8:44-47 - Truth is NOT easy - Romans 1:18
 - 3. *A PERSON OF INTEGRITY - FACES THE TRUTH!*
- B. How You Handle Criticism
 - 1. *TAKES RESPONSIBILITY: 20:7 - "Restore this man's wife"*
 - 2. *RESPONSE TO BEING WRONG*
 - a. King Saul, Pharisees, Judas - didn't change
 - 3. *A PERSON OF INTEGRITY - DOES WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE*
- C. How You Handle Your Influence
 - 1. *WANTED TO BE RIGHT - NOT MERELY LOOK RIGHT: 20:8; 20:17-18*
 - 2. *AT THE EXPENSE OF HOW HE "LOOKED"*
 - a. 1 Samuel 15:30 - Saul - "honor me before the people"
 - b. Matt 23 - Pharisees - wanted to look good
 - 3. *A PERSON OF INTEGRITY - SEEKS TRUE RIGHTEOUSNESS*
- D. How You Make Amends
 - 1. *MAKES THINGS RIGHT: 20:14-16 - To Abraham and Sarah*
 - 2. *A PERSON OF INTEGRITY - WILL MAKE IT RIGHT: Romans 13:8*

VI. Some Important Lessons

- A. God Will Provide
 - 1. Same in Egypt - Genesis 12 - God provided in foreign land
 - 2. Integrity is scary - sacrifice, commitment-Trust God to provide
- B. God Will Work Through Your Uprightness
 - 1. God used Abimelech to bless Abraham
 - 2. How will God touch the lives of others through you? Psalm 15
- C. God Sees in Secret (from Matthew 6:3-4)
 - 1. Not about accolades - "Look at my greatness!"
 - 2. King Abimelech did right