David's Integrity

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INTRODUCTION

- A person with integrity has good morals and ethics.
- They're always willing to do what is right, even if it means they could have gotten away with doing what's wrong.
- Probably one of the best places in the Bible to see his integrity is found right here in 1 Samuel 24.

1 Integrity Involves Doing Right in Every Circumstance

1 Samuel 24:6; 1 Samuel 24:10

- First, we learn that integrity involves doing right in every circumstance.
- This is an innocent man being treated unfairly by the king, and he still does what's right.
- He refused to kill Saul because of his high level of respect for God.
- Even though I may be able to hide these wicked acts from people, I can't hide them from God.
- David teaches us that integrity involves doing right in every circumstance, even when we're suffering.

2 Avoiding Getting Even With Your Enemies

Matthew 5:44; Romans 12:17–21

- When David has a great opportunity to retaliate and get some revenge, he gives them grace. He gives them kindness and compassion.
- Jesus says, We are to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us.
- Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, Vengeance is mine I will repay, says the Lord.
- Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.
- God wants us to pray for them and do good towards them and trust that he will bring about vengeance and make things right in his time.

3 Integrity Involves Consulting God

1 Samuel 23:2–4; 1 Samuel 23:9–12

- So David inquired of the Lord. He asked of God, saying, Shall I go and attack these Philistines?
- Before making important decisions, the scripture says the first thing David does is he consults God.
- And when God tells him what to do, he doesn't argue with God. He just does it.
- Before making major decisions in our lives, before making minor decisions in our lives, do we consult God?
- Integrity involves consulting God, asking for God's direction, consulting his word and his people when making very important decisions.

4 People With Integrity Can Convict Those Who Don't

1 Samuel 24:16–22

- People with integrity can convict those who don't have integrity.
- You are more righteous than I, for you have dealt well with me, while I have dealt wickedly with you.
- He's convicted by David's integrity. Integrity convicted him.
- The integrity of God's people has the power to convict. It has the power to convict the wicked.
- We may cause some wicked people to start evaluating their hearts and their ways and repent.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **You need to come to Jesus for the first time through faith and repentance and baptism for remission of sins, or maybe you've left Jesus and you need to come to him once again.**

MY NOTES