

## **A MAN OF INTEGRITY**

### **Job 31**

**Today we'll see that a person of integrity is faithful even when frustrated.**

#### **I. JOB'S FAITHFULNESS** (1-34)

- Indicated by negative oaths > A catalogue of non-sins

##### **A. NOT LUSTFUL** (1-4)

1. His affirmation of purity (1)
2. His fear of displeasing God (2-4)

##### **B. NOT DISHONEST** (5-8)

1. Knowing that if he's been deceptive with others, God won't be deceived (5-6)
2. If he's been disobedient, covetous or corrupt he knows he deserves devastation (7-8)

##### **C. NOT AN ADULTERER** (9-13)

1. He's not been foolish nor flirty (9) [see Prov. 7:6-23]
2. The serious consequences of such a crime are disturbing (10-12)

##### **D. NOT UNJUST** (13-15)

1. Respecting his male and female slave's complaints (13) and equality (15)
2. He'd have not answer or excuse if questioned by God about mistreatment (14)

##### **E. NOT SELFISH** (16-23)

1. Consistently sharing food with the poor, widowed and orphaned (16-18)
2. Providing clothing to all in need (19-20)
3. Protecting the disadvantaged in court (21-23)

##### **F. NOT IDOLATROUS** (24-28)

1. He's not trusting in gold (24-25) or turning from God (26-27)
2. Willing to receive judgment if he denies God (28)

##### **G. NOT VINDICTIVE** (29-30)

- No joy in an enemies demise or curses to bring him down

##### **H. NOT INSENSITIVE** (31-32)

- Hospitable to all who need board and bed

##### **I. NOT HYPOCRITICAL** (33-34)

- Hiding nothing from God nor from those around around him

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## II. JOB'S FRUSTRATION (35-40)

- Notice what he's lacking

### A. A LACK OF PATIENCE (35a)

- Demanding a hearing from God

### B. A LACK OF REVERENCE (35b)

- Demanding an answer from God

### C. A LACK OF RESPECT (36-37)

1. Job is cocky and self-assured about his innocence (36)
2. A defiant accountability (37)

### D. A LACK OF RESTRAINT (38-40)

- Indignantly announcing another of his good qualities .... No exploitation

## III. SOME THOUGHTS ABOUT INTEGRITY

### A. A PERSON OF INTEGRITY IS GOD-FEARING

1. Living in light of God's looking (4)
2. Aware of an accountability to God (14)
3. Terrified of God's majesty (23)
4. Concerned about offending a holy God (28)

### B. A PERSON OF INTEGRITY IS OTHERS-ORIENTED

1. Demonstrating a godly attitude and good actions toward those around him or herself
2. With the exception of idolatry (24-28) and hypocrisy (33-34), all the characteristics he notes affect his relationships with his community

### C. A PERSON OF INTEGRITY IS SELF-DISCIPLINED

1. Reality: Job's conduct was blameless but now his conditions are brutal
2. Response: Job is faithful though frustrated
  - a. He is not alone in this ... others have been there.
  - b. Consider Joseph, Moses, Jeremiah, Paul and John

## CONCLUSION:

### **Job was faithful though frustrated**

- So now what?
- *Quit talking!* (40b)

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