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SESSION 2

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Psalm 78:72

SCRIPTURE • NKJV

“So he shepherded them according to the **integrity** of his heart, and guided them by the skillfulness of his hands.”

Psalm 78:72 (NKJV)

WORD STUDY

integrity = tōm (תָּוִם, H8537)
wholeness; the same all the way through.

When Saul Was Confronted

01 DENY

“I have performed the commandment of the LORD.”

1 Samuel 15:13

02 DEFLECT

“The people spared the best... to sacrifice to the LORD your God.”

1 Samuel 15:15, 21 · “your God,” not “my God”

03 PROTECT THE IMAGE

“I have sinned; yet honor me now before the elders of my people.”

1 Samuel 15:30

The Root

**“I feared the people
and obeyed their voice.”**

1 Samuel 15:24

“To obey is better than sacrifice.”

1 Samuel 15:22

obey = shama (**שמע**, H8085)

When David Was Confronted

“You are the man.” 2 Samuel 12:7

“I have sinned against the LORD.” 2 Samuel 12:13

חַטָּאתִי לַיהוָה

Two words (chata, H2398)

chāṭā'tî laYHWH

No explanation. No “but.” No one else’s name.

Two Honest Guardrails

CONSEQUENCES

01

Forgiveness didn't erase consequences

2 Samuel 12:10–14: the sword never left his house.

CHARACTER

02

Character before the crown

Twice he could have killed Saul and wouldn't (1 Samuel 24:6; 26:9–11). He didn't grab the position; he let God give it.

Two Kings, Side by Side

SAUL

“The people...”

“Yet honor me”

“your God”

Feared the people

DAVID

“I have sinned”

“Against the LORD”

“Against you, you only”

Feared God

You might have an integrity problem if...

01 You struggle with alcoholism.

02 You take drugs.

03 You are cohabitating with someone you're not married to.

04 You use foul language.

05 You struggle with sexual sin.

06 You never admit to wrongdoing.

07 You've never asked for forgiveness.

08 You don't actually read your Bible.

09 You're missing church.

10 Your life is indistinguishable from an unbeliever's.

If someone confronts you:

01 Listen all the way through before you explain.

02 Name it without the word “but.”

03 Make it right, even when it costs you.

A FEW ANCHOR TEXTS:

Ps. 78:72. (NKJV)

*“So he shepherded them according to the **integrity** of his heart, And guided them by the skillfulness of his hands.”*

Prov. 11:3. (NIV)

*“The **integrity** of the upright guides them.”*

1 Peter 5:2-3. (summarized)

*“Leaders should shepherd willingly, eagerly, and by being **examples** rather than lording authority over others.”*

TRUTHS ABOUT CHARACTER

1. Character is **BUILT** on being a Man or Woman after God's own heart.
2. Character is **REVEALED** by who I am when nobody is watching.
3. Character is **CREATED** through Consistency.
4. Character is **CONFIRMED** when I choose the Right Path even when it's hard.

TRUTHS ABOUT CHARACTER

5. Character expects that I **CONFESS** my sins and **ADMIT** my mistakes *readily*.
6. Character is **IMMUNE** to the Allure of Power.
7. Character is sometimes **KEPT** by keeping your word.
8. Character is **COOKED** in the Crockpot, not the Microwave.
9. Character **FORMS** the Foundation of Influence!

BOOKS TO READ!!

A MUST READ:

- ***A TALE OF THREE KINGS*** – Gene Edwards

ANOTHER GREAT OPTION:

- ***A LIFE ABLAZE*** – Rick Renner



MY PERSONAL TAKEAWAYS:
