

Integrity

1. Dishonesty is often most visible in our finances
 - A. God condemns dishonest practices:
 - 1) Dual weights and measures – Deuteronomy 25:13-16 (195)
 - 2) Dishonest weights – Proverbs 20:10, 23 (634)
 - 3) Just weights are the Lord's – Proverbs 16:11 (11)
 - B. God condemns taking advantage of others
 - 1) The dishonest deal – Proverbs 20:14 (635)
 - 2) Things gained by fraud – Proverbs 20:17 (635)
 - 3) Taking advantage of family – Proverbs 19:26 (634)
 - 4) Exploiting the poor – Proverbs 22:22-23 (637)
 - 5) Exploiting workers – Isaiah 58:3-4, 6-7 (721)
 - 6) Unpaid debts – Psalm 37:21 (547)
 - 7) Unpaid taxes – Romans 13:6-7 (1101)
 - 8) Withholding tithes and offerings – Malachi 3:8-10 (930)
2. God's desire for integrity
 - A. Integrity is more important than money – Proverbs 28:6 (643)
 - B. Integrity results in greater security – Proverbs 10:9 (624)
 - C. A good name is more important than riches – Proverbs 22:1 (636)
 - D. Integrity will be rewarded – Isaiah 33:15-16 (694)
 - E. We are to remain above reproach in the eyes of God and men – 2 Corinthians 8:17-21 (1123)
 - F. Replace dishonesty with hard work – Ephesians 4:28 (1136)
 - G. A man of integrity influences his children – Proverbs 20:7 (634)
3. Lessons learned:
 - A. Exploitation and dishonesty are often revealed in our handling of money and material things.
 - B. With God, integrity is a big deal!
 - C. God rewards integrity with security, provision and a good reputation
 - D. When we combine integrity with God's ownership, we are called on to handle God's resources with the utmost integrity