

## WOMEN OF FAITH, PRACTICING INTEGRITY, AND LIVING IN CHRIST

Special Topics Unit - Practicing Integrity - *Job, The Man Whose Integrity God Tested* - Oct.22, 2017

Text: Job 1:13-22, 2:1-10, 27:1-6, 31:1-40, 38:1-7, 42:1-6

Intro: Job was able to maintain his integrity while going through great pain and adversity. Following Job's example, we need to "condition" our thinking to respond to every difficulty with faith and integrity. What do you think it means to "condition your thinking" and how do you do that?

How does Job's story help you today?

What does it take to face difficult obstacles in life?

### I. Integrity Is A Response of Worship in the Face of Suffering and Trials

1. After Job's loss, what does Job's response in 1:20-21 say about his character?

There are 3 great spiritual truths in Job's statement. Fill in the blank:

a. Material possessions are not \_\_\_\_\_!

b. The Sovereign Lord does what \_\_\_\_\_!

c. God is always G\_\_\_\_\_ and this deserves our \_\_\_\_\_!

2. What do you make of Job's response to his wife in 2:9-10?

Job trusted God to send into his life whatever \_\_\_\_\_. The real test of integrity's worth in our lives is when we endure in L\_\_\_\_\_ for God when it sees to D\_\_\_\_\_ to do so! Integrity withstands T\_\_\_\_\_!

## II. Integrity Helps Us Overcome Discouragement In Difficult Times

1. Job's friends came to visit and encourage Job. God later chastised them for their poor advice.

Read the following passages and give your thoughts on what they told Job.

Job 4:6

Job 4:7-8

Job 8:20

Job 11:4-6

How did Job counter their charges in 9:20-22 and in 27:1-6?

What gives you assurance and helps you maintain your integrity during discouraging times?

## III. Living Out Godly Principles Validates Integrity (Job 31:1-40, 38:1-7, 42:1-6)

1. Read the following passages in cp. 31. From what sins does Job declare his innocence?

31:1-4

31:5-6

31:7-8,24-25

31:9-12

31:13-15

31:16-23,31-32

31:26-28

31:29-30

31:33-34

31:38-40

\* Integrity always involves a genuine R\_\_\_\_\_ with God in which we C\_\_\_\_\_

and R\_\_\_\_\_ of our sin? Why?

2. What was God's purpose for his line of questioning in 38:1-7?

3. What is Job's mindset in 42:1-6?