

***The Impact of Personal Integrity PART 2***  
***#9 in a Series on Change, Joshua 7, Genesis 39***  
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**Integrity** is when my actions and my words consistently match God's truth. (Job 4:6; Prov. 10:9)

**LAST WEEK: Important lessons about personal integrity**

1. **My integrity** is defined by my lifestyle.

(Psalm 15:1-2; 1 Timothy 4:16)

2. **My integrity** will have an impact.

“under the ban” = *devoted to the Lord*

**Achan's Negative Example** (Joshua 6:17-18)

a) We are never isolated in our personal failures. (Josh. 7:1)

b) God sees our failures. (Proverbs 10:9; Num. 32:23; Gal 6:7)

c) Personal failure typically is a process not an event.

(Joshua 7:21)

- Step #1 — I *saw* the gold
- Step #2 — I *wanted* the gold
- Step #3 — I *took* the gold
- Step #4 — I *hid* the gold

## **Joshua's Positive Example** (see Genesis 39:5-10)

a) I can't do this, I would let *myself* down

"How could I do this great evil..." (Gen. 39:9)

b) I can't do this, I let those *around me* down

"...he has put all that he owns in my charge..." (Gen. 39:8)

c) I can't do this, I let *God* down

"...and sin against God." (Gen. 39:9)

## **3. My integrity can be restored.**

"<sup>1</sup>O LORD, who may abide in Your tent? Who may dwell on Your holy hill? <sup>2</sup>He who walks with integrity, and works righteousness, And speaks truth in his heart." Psalm 15:1-2 (NASB)

"He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake." Psalm 23:3 (NASB)

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8 (NIV)

**Is there anything hidden in your life?**

**Is there anything God needs to restore?**