Lesson #3 – INTEGRITY IS CRITICAL FOR ULTIMATE SUCCESS Psalm 26

THERE IS NO CONDEMNATION FOR THE MAN OF INTEGRITY – RATHER A FOUNDATION FOR CONFIDENT LIVING, GENUINE WORSHIP AND EFFECTIVE TESTIMONY

INTRODUCTION:

- I. (:1-7) INTEGRITY IS THE BASIS FOR VINDICATION =
 A SUCCESSFUL APPEAL TO THE SUPREME COURT
- A. Desired Verdict = Vindication
- B. Necessary Examination
- C. Grounds for Innocence
 - 1. Overview
 - a. Consistent Integrity (Walked the Walk)

"I have walked in my integrity"

- b. Unwavering Faith (Kept the Faith)
 - "And I have trusted in the Lord without wavering"
- c. Secure Relationship
 - "For Thy lovingkindness is before my eyes"
- d. Careful Obedience
 - "And I have walked in Thy truth."
- 2. Specific Examples
 - a. Separation from Sinners
 - b. Sacrifice for Sin

Look at the testimony of Job – 31:4-8 – Lived a life of Integrity

- D. Thanksgiving and Testimony
- II. (:8) INTEGRITY ALLOWS ONE TO BE AT HOME IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD
- III. (:9-11) INTEGRITY SEPARATES ONE FROM THE FATE OF THE WICKED --DELIVERANCE AND GRACE SHOULD BE THE EXPECTATION INSTEAD
- A. Description and Destiny of the Wicked
- B. Description and Destiny of the Man of Integrity
- IV. (:12) INTEGRITY RESULTS IN CONFIDENT LIVING, GENUINE WORSHIP AND EFFECTIVE TESTIMONY BECAUSE OF GOD'S DELIVERANCE AND GRACE
- A. Confident Living: "My foot stands on a level place"
- B. Genuine Worship and Effective Testimony: "In the congregations I shall bless the Lord"

CONCLUSION: LIFELONG COMMITMENT TO A LIFE OF INTEGRITY