



# All Christians' Fellowship International

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## *Study to show "The Way of True Life." Bible Study Outline*

TOPIC: **Integrity**  
TEXT: **1Samuel 24**

**Instructions:** *Read the above passages each time you come together to study this topic so everyone can participate fully. The teacher should provide additional background information and develop follow-up questions. Participants should be brief in their responses and use relevant Bible references to illustrate their points. They should be careful not to dominate the discussion to allow everyone equal opportunity to participate.*

**Introduction:** We hear about the scandals—the business executives who choose money, in amounts beyond the imagination of most of us, over their responsibilities to employees and stockholders. In some cases, their choices have brought down whole companies. But what about the ones who say no?

I have a friend who recently told me how it had been assumed that she would join others in bending the rules at the highest level of her profession. "You scratch my back; I'll scratch yours. Everyone does it." But she didn't, and it was costly. She has not advanced to the top. She is still young, and she might. But she also knows that her choices may mean that she never reaches the goal she has been working toward for years.

In 1 Samuel 24, we meet David in a tough moment. He has been running for some time from King Saul, who is trying to kill David out of jealousy.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Have you ever found your ideas about integrity coming into conflict with real-life options before you? Explain why you made the choices you made.
2. What strong action verbs do you notice in these verses?
3. Describe David's situation from what you know here. What would it have been like for him? What about Saul?
4. Considering the relationship between David and Saul (see 1 Samuel 18 for background), how might one justify David's men's statements in verse 4?
5. Why did David regret cutting Saul's robe (vs. 5-7)?
6. What small actions of questionable integrity are tempting for you?
7. What do you find surprising about David's actions in verses 8-15?

8. How does integrity involve risk-taking?
9. How do David's words and actions show him to be a man of integrity?
10. How does Saul's response (vs. 16-22) give even more credibility to David's actions?
11. What power does integrity have to turn enemies into friends?
12. What current situation or relationship would you like to change through actions of integrity?  
How might you do that?

**Now, Pray as a group**

Ask God to reveal the areas of your lives where you need to grow in integrity and give you friends who will "keep you honest."