

Prize the Truth (Ephesians 6:10-14)

Intro: Even as the "girdle" tied together all the pieces of armor, so truth is the integrating force in the life of the believer.

Ps. 51:6 "You desire truth in the innermost being..."

Consider David- 2 Sam. 11

11:1-4 Sin

***Decision:** confess, or cover-up? He chooses to _____...

11:5 Complications

***Principle:** Every sin entails complications...Sin is never as _____ as it may appear.

* **Decision:** confess, or cover-up? He chooses to _____...

11:6-13 Schemes

***Principle:** Every cover up of sin leads to a scheme...This scheme failed.

***Decision:** confess, or cover-up? He chooses to _____...

***Principle:** The further one goes in covering up sin, the _____ it becomes to confess and turn.

11:14-15 Further Scheming

-This scheme appears to "work", but now David is guilty of murder, in addition to adultery, and lying, and deceiving, and hypocrisy...and God is not very happy with him (v. 27)

***Principle:** Unrepentant sin leads to _____ and _____ sin.

12:7,13 David finally confesses when he is confronted by God's prophet Nathan.

*Note the long-term consequences (12:9-14)

*Note the short-term consequences in David's own life (Ps.32:3-4)

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