

## Loyalty vs Integrity & Honesty

- I. David as commander of the Jewish military forces violated the honor code of the military which encompassed several different races.
  - A. Uriah was a mature believer in the Lord Jesus of Nazareth, The Christ.
  - B. David's officer corps system was so great and had the highest integrity and greatest courage.
    1. No military no matter how great its past can survive failure of its honor code of military ethics in its ranks.
    2. In the United States of America today there is no unification in people and no honor.
      - i. See Jane Fonda and Vietnam
    3. The people of the United States of America live in the Interlocking System of Arrogance an are totally arrogant and preoccupied with self and have a total lack of integrity.
    4. Men with good combat records many times do not make good officers since they often do not have integrity.
    5. In an institution loyalty must be for the principles not for a dominant personality who is in the institution.
    6. Loyalty to a person in an institution is never as important as your personal integrity.
    7. You cannot be professional in any organization or any institution unless you have integrity.
    8. Honesty must always supersede loyalty to a person.
    9. **The most important part of any honor code must be honesty and integrity**
      - i. **2nd must be obedience and discipline**
        - a. **Both of these must be more important than Loyalty.**
      - ii. **3<sup>rd</sup> must be loyalty and concern**
      - iii. **4<sup>th</sup> Lack of quibbling**
      - iv. **5<sup>th</sup> Duty to country and service**
      - v. **6<sup>th</sup> Mission commitment**
      - vi. **7<sup>th</sup> Trust**
      - vii. **8<sup>th</sup> Honor**
      - viii. **9<sup>th</sup> Impartiality**
      - ix. **10<sup>th</sup> Humility**
- II. Loyalty
  - A. If you are loyal to a close friend and he enters the Interlocking System of Arrogance in criminal arrogance and he wants you to help him steal
    1. Integrity says no to steal and loyalty says YES by helping him to steal you destroy freedom in the nation and violate your loyalty.
    2. This is the same situation David put Uriah in commanding him to go to his house and visit his wife.
  - B. Integrity & Honesty vs Loyalty is the problem and has been throughout history:
    1. Military review Oct 1979, Pg 64, Military code of ethics
    2. It is wrong to enter into evil as mutiny or conspiracy whether in uniform or in civilian life.
  - C. An Honor Code:
    1. Integrity characterized by honesty and openness will guide all my actions
    2. I will give my best effort and dedication in performance of my duty and mission
    3. I will endeavor to inspire high standards of conduct in my subordinates and colleagues by setting an example of the highest standards of conduct in my personal and public life.
    4. I will accept full responsibility for all my actions and decisions.
    5. I will strive to treat others with fairness compassion and respect for the dignity and basic human rights of the individuals
    6. I will continually seek to grow professionally and ethically
    7. I will not use the authority of my office or rank for personal gain.
    8. I will be truthful in dealings with others making my word my bond
    9. I will endeavor to practice both physical and moral courage
    10. I will place the welfare of others before my own being loyal first to the highest moral principles of my country and the United States of America

- D. When there is a conflict between loyalty and integrity, Integrity MUST win.
  - 1. Loyalty to friends is a great virtue but when in a business or corporation or military service or other organization or institution you allow loyalty for a friend to enter into conspiracy and rejection of the policy and purpose of the organization they you are out of line.

### III. **Misplaced loyalty is a sign of stupidity and lack of integrity**

- A. Choosing to for integrity against misplaced loyalty this is the highest form of moral courage.
- B. Choosing loyalty to a person against integrity is cowardice.
- C. Loyalty in love and command is a virtue as a subordinate but not misplaced loyalty.
  - 1. Dwight David Eisenhower was one of the most courageous men fighting in World War II.
    - i. His not going to Berlin was a choice of great moral courage.
    - ii. Patton was wrong to lose his control as a general officer and should not have slapped the soldier.
      - a. He publicly disciplined Patton but saved his career for later combat operations his being the most aggressive combat officer in Europe.
      - b. If he had been a DI or other non-com he could have slapped that whining soldier silly but not as a general officer.
    - iii. Casserine Incident in World War II caused Ike to remove from command a friend a general officer who was a complete jerk and totally incompetent.
  - 2. Rommel was another one of these courageous men in World War II.
    - i. He disobeyed a direct order from Hitler to stand fast and in doing so he saved the entire Africa corps of the German army and he died for it.
  - 3. Robert E Lee declined to accept command of the whole union army offered him by Lincoln.
- D. Loyalty in love and command is a virtue as a subordinate but not misplaced loyalty.
  - 1. Loyalty for a husband can be rejected only in favor of doctrine and the Lord and this is acceptable integrity.
- E. Any time a person in authority over you is in Interlocking System of Arrogance and you are not this person will bring you to the point of loyalty vs integrity
  - 1. In a church situation the conflict is loyalty to the person vs loyalty to Jesus of Nazareth, The Christ and Bible Doctrine.
- F. Integrity must be more important than anything else in life.
  - 1. Installment discipline is what is provided for the believer who chooses the Interlocking System of Arrogance for a prolonged period of time.
  - 2. The only way to handle this discipline is to bear it.
  - 3. The only way to bear it is through Metabolized Bible Doctrine in your Stream of Consciousness of the Soul.
- G. When you violate integrity to win anything you lose and are a loser rejecting principle and integrity for loyalty.
- H. Principles:
  - 1. This command places Uriah in a dilemma because according to the honor code of the officer corps Integrity must be placed above the loyalty to those above you.
    - i. Under normal circumstances Integrity demands Loyalty.
    - ii. Integrity must be placed above loyalty only when the 2 are in conflict
    - iii. You must obey commanding officers whether you like them or the commands or not.
  - 2. Our response to the issue which occurred in the embassy of Iran in Tehran in the 1970's should have been to remove our people and nuke the whole city and explain why that being the honor of the United States of America and integrity of the citizenship of the United States in any place in the world.
  - 3. Should Uriah follow the officer code or obey David.
  - 4. The officers code placed integrity first in such matters for David's army
  - 5. As long as the enemy remained undefeated the national freedom was in jeopardy.
  - 6. No officer was to enjoy the blessing of freedom before freedom was secure

- i. Officers nor enlisted men must put their profession before all else except doctrine.
- 7. As a dedicated competent officer Uriah would not take advantage of the proximity of his wife to violate the honor code of the Jewish army.
- 8. Legitimate sex was the privilege of free men and you are not free until the enemy was defeated in battle and the campaign was over.
- 9. The ethics of the officer code are related to the principle of freedom through military victory.
- 10. Loyalty to David at this moment placed Uriah in conflict with the honor code.
- 11. The code was the principle and a military man or believer must choose the principle over the person when they are in conflict.
- 12. Integrity demands loyalty to the principle that when someone starts a conspiracy you must choose between Bible Doctrine teaching and loyalty to the one who is wrong.

I. Application:

- 1. Loyalty to anyone inside the Interlocking System of Arrogance is a violation of your integrity
- 2. Integrity is defense against the instability of mankind.
- 3. When a believer is in the Interlocking System of Arrogance he may give an order or make a policy contrary to Bible Doctrine or Laws of Divine Establishment principles, this order must be rejected in favor of integrity.
- 4. Loyalty is a virtue and it is part of integrity to be loyal to those over you or whom you love but only when NOT in conflict with principles of the Laws of Divine Establishment or Bible Doctrine.
- 5. Integrity obeys the code while loyalty obeys the man.
- 6. Discipline cements Integrity to loyalty without conflict and makes Loyalty a virtue as part of integrity.
- 7. Only when man enters the Interlocking System of Arrogance does the problem occur which breaks loyalty from integrity because of lack of discipline.