

Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1005: Does God Bless Us When We Act in an Unrighteous Way?

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1. Why did David feel that he needed to lie to Saul? What does Proverbs say about deviousness and lying? (See 1 Samuel 20:4-8, Proverbs 14:2, 12:19)
2. How does Jonathan show his integrity in his promise to David? What does he ask of David in return? Why was this covenant between Jonathan and David a righteous act? (See 1 Samuel 20:13-17)
3. As Christians, on what should we focus regarding our reputations? (See Luke 8:15, Acts 6:3)
4. What were some of the reasons God gave the Law to Israel? How did it help them live righteously, yet allow them to defend themselves? How do the Ten Commandments specifically address killing (murder) and lying (bearing false witness)? (See Exodus 20:13-16)
5. How were David and Gideon able to stay within the principles of righteousness and yet use deception in their military tactics? (See Judges 7:19-22, 1 Samuel 20:28-34, 26:9)
6. What is the difference between the battles David faced and the ones we as Christians face in today's world? Contrast the purpose of the battles Israel had in the Old Testament with the conflicts Christians have in the New Testament. (See 2 Corinthians 10:4, John 18:36, Romans 12:17)
7. What was the consequence to Ahimelech and his family from David's lies to him for the purpose of obtaining food and weaponry? What was David's response when he learned that 85 people had been killed because of his lies? (See 1 Samuel 21:1-9, 22:14, 20-22)
8. Why was David's lie to Saul justified but his lies to Ahimelech were not? As David looked back on this incident later in his life, what were his thoughts? What was Jesus' response to it? (See Psalms 119:25-32, Mark 2:23-26)
9. As Christians, what can we do to receive God's blessings even when we have made mistakes and acted in an unrighteous manner?
10. How can a Christian practice honesty in all aspects of his/her life? How can we recover from unrighteousness and get back to God? (See Philippians 4:8, 1 Peter 2:12)