

that it is fabricated and no attempt is made to make it absolute truth. But the sad fact is that preachers have obtained a reputation for not being credible in their accounts and that is some sort of grief. Of the Lord Jesus there are many testimonies to His credibility and among them one might consider these Scriptures: Mark 1:44, 4:41, 7:37; John 4:41, 7:46; Matthew 17:24, 12:15, etc. They all certify that no one spoke or lived with the ideals demonstrated as they were in our Lord. That is living with integrity and that is a great personal testimony--a personal characteristic in living that would benefit us all....a rather simple matter in some ways, living in the practice of truth.

## II. Discussion:

- A. The particular areas of integrity as seen in the Lord's life are at least these three:
  - 1. True to the Scriptures....note Mark 1:44 and compare Matthew 5:17-18
  - 2. True to Himself....John 8:29, John 14:6, etc., showing honesty in character and deed
  - 3. True to His task....John 9:4, John 4 with no fluctuation with regard to the will or work of God
- B. The challenge of integrity is again three fold as it applies to us and has been demonstrated in the Lord:
  - 1. To execute properly the Scriptures: in word, practice and attitude (James 1)
  - 2. To show the new man in similar proportion (Ephesians 4)
  - 3. To fulfill the commission (Acts 1:8)

III. Conclusion: The personal life of the Lord left no room for scandal, disobedience, fleshly attainment or any other thing that spoke of a lack of truth and integrity. His was a life of truth and it is a prayer for each of us that our lives might honor that pattern.

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## MESSAGE # 6: HIS LIFE: A LIFE OF DEVOTION

Biblical passages: John 12