

# Integrity Matters

## 2 Kings 5: 20 - 6:7

### Introduction

Last week we learned about the miraculous healing of Naaman the Syrian. Not only was Naaman healed of his leprosy but was cleansed from his sin. Naaman turns from paganism to the belief in Jehovah.

The real story was not Elisha or Naaman but the teenage girl that declared her faith in the Lord.

Faith matters / Belief matters / Obedience matters / Humility matters.

Tonight we will see that Integrity matters.

If you remember a few weeks ago the healing of the Shunamite woman's son.

There was a servant of Elisha named Gehazi.

Gehazi is the central figure in the story.

### Verses 20-21 He Ran To Riches

1. Naaman had offered riches to Elisha (verse 16).
2. Elisha refused the gifts.
3. As the Lord liveth I will run after him.
4. He was swift to pursue the temporal things of this world.
5. His greed took over.
6. Gehazi was not a prophet of God but a slave to greed.
7. His true colors emerged and he had no integrity.

### Verses 22-24 He Lied To Steal

1. He manipulated the truth.
2. He lied to gain.
3. Stealing can happen in numerous ways.
4. Not paying rent.
5. Not paying mortgage.
6. Not paying bills.

7. Statistics tell us last year 40 Billion dollars was stolen in the workplace.
8. Integrity matters.
9. Gambling is theft.
10. He said the offering was for someone else.
11. He would not let them carry the talents the whole way.
12. He was dishonest and a thief.

### **Verses 25-27 He Reaped What He Sowed**

1. Where did you go?
2. Nowhere!
3. My heart did not go with you.
4. Is it a time to take?
5. The leprosy of Naaman was cast unto Gehazi.

### **Chapter 6:1-7 The Little Things Matter**

1. The axe handle fell in the river.
2. Elisha retrieved the axe handle.
3. God owns our salvation.
4. God has integrity with all He possesses.

### **Conclusion**

1. Integrity matters.
2. Honesty matters.
3. Our testimony matters.
4. God has ultimate integrity.

### **Challenge**

1. Is there an issue of integrity in your life?
2. Give it to Jesus and repent.