

The Book of Job  
*Conversations at the Garbage Dump: Round 3 (Job)*  
Job 29-31 (page 364)

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Reviewing my past  blessings  provide opportunity for  rejoicing  (Job 29:1-25; 1 Chron 16:11-13; Eph 2:11-18)

Recalling the *joy* of...

- God's  presence  (vs 1-6)
- a good  reputation  with others (vs 7-11)
- ministry  to others (vs 12-17)
- of being an  encouragement  and  help  to others (vs 18-25)

Assessing my  present  trials cause me to be  humbled  (Job 30:1-31; 2 Cor 12:7-10)

I am *humbled*...

- before  others  (vs 1-15)
- by  affliction  and  suffering  (vs 16-23)
- because I am  helpless  (vs 24-31)

Holding to my  integrity  brings  confidence  and  strength  (Job 31:1-40; 1 Chron 29:17; Psalm 41:12; Prov 10:9)

*Integrity* brings...

- personal  purity  (vs 1-12)
- concern  and  compassion  for others (vs 13-23)
- focus  to my  worship  (vs 24-28)
- a clear  conscience  (vs 29-34)
- confidence  before God (vs 35-37)

***Making it stick...***

Which of these three chapters most resonated with you today?

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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Write out your own definition of "integrity" - consult dictionaries or other resources as you formulate your response. \_\_\_\_\_

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In chapter 31, which of these areas do you need to recommit yourself to live in with integrity? What step will you take this week to do just that? \_\_\_\_\_

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## An Overview of the Book of Job

**The Character of Job (1:1-5)**  
**The Calamities of Job (1:6-2:10)**  
**The Comforters of Job (2:11-13)**

**Job's Complaint (3:1-26)**

**Dialogue/Dispute: Round 1**  
**(4:14-14:22)**

Eliphaz's speech (4-5)  
 Job's response (6-7)  
 Bildad's speech (8)  
 Job's response (9-10)  
 Zophar's speech (11)  
 Job's response (12-14)

**Dialogue/Dispute: Round 2**  
**(15:1-21:34)**

Eliphaz's second speech (15)  
 Job's response (16-17)  
 Bildad's second speech (18)  
 Job's response (19)  
 Zophar's second speech (20)  
 Job's response (21)

**Dialogue/Dispute: Round 3**  
**(22:1-31:40)**

Eliphaz's third speech (22)  
 Job's reply (23-24)  
 Bildad's third speech (25)  
 Job's response (26-31)

**Elihu's speeches (32-37)**

**God's Confrontation (38-42:6)**

God's first speech (38:1-40:2)  
 Job's response (40:3-5)  
 God's second speech (40:6-41:34)  
 Job's response (42:1-6)

**Job and His Friends (42:7-17)**

God vindicates Job (42:7-9)  
 God restores Job's fortunes (42:10-17)

### A Profile of Job's Four Friends

	<b>Eliphaz</b>	<b>Bildad</b>	<b>Zophar</b>	<b>Elihu</b>
<b>Distinctive:</b>	Theologian, Pragmatist	Historian, Legalist	Moralist, Dogmatist	Theological Intellectual
<b>Relies on:</b>	Experience	Tradition	Assumption	Education
<b>Voice of:</b>	Philosophy	History	Orthodoxy	Logic
<b>Key Phrase:</b>	"I have seen..."	"Ask the former generations..."	"Know this..."	"Listen to me..."
<b>Argument:</b>	"If you sin, you suffer..."	"You MUST be sinning since you suffer..."	"You ARE sinning since you suffer..."	"Suffering may be to PURIFY and INSTRUCT..."
<b>Advice to Job:</b>	"ONLY the wicked suffer"	"The wicked ALWAYS suffer"	"The wicked are SHORT-LIVED"	"HUMBLE yourself before God"
<b>Meaning of Name:</b>	"God dispenses"	"Contention"	"Rough" of "Chirper"	"He is my God"