

Sabbath, February 14th

9:00am Doug Horchak: Introduction: *A Vacuum of Moral Leadership* We live in a world where moral values are changing by the month. Whether in personal behavior, sexual activity in society, integrity, or personal honesty—our world and culture is one that increasingly challenges the concept of “moral absolutes”. Our calling as Christians is to prepare to lead--by example to day; and in modeling and teaching God’s Law in His coming kingdom.

9:30am Sabbath Jim Servidio: *Honesty*--- Billy Joel released the very melodious but powerful song “Honesty” in 1979. The song implies everyone is untrue. Is that the case? How important is *honesty*? Are you considered an honest person? What does the Bible say about truthfulness as it relates to leadership? This interactive lecture will focus on this important trait of Godly character and explore the role honesty plays in being a moral individual and preparing for leadership in God’s kingdom.

10:30am Sabbath Ken Treybig: *Greed and money*-- Many are convinced that one of the big issues that “tanked” our economy is the vice of greed. But where do we draw the line between the positive aspect of working to get ahead—bettering ourselves and our family—and the negative of greed? How does a leader draw the distinction in his/her personal life to properly balance these two biblical principles to set the correct example in the realm of influence one has? Join us for an interactive session to explore this topic.

Sermon: *Do the Right Thing – Standing Up for Righteousness* Compromising one’s integrity is the easiest thing to do, but it is not the right thing to do. Doing the right thing is one of the hardest things you will ever do. John Newton, the author of the song “Amazing Grace” was a slave ship captain until one day the treatment of the slaves onboard his ship was too much for him to handle. He returned to England where he began a new career as a minister. He wrote the song “Amazing Grace” to describe himself and his failure to do the right thing during the years he was the captain of a slave ship. He watched 20,000 slaves die and did nothing to stop it. The song was written to support a sermon he gave on 1 Chronicles 17:16-17. The melody came from the slaves that he transported across the ocean. The stories of those who stood for the abolition of the slave trade in the British Empire reflect the idea of “doing the right thing” and “standing up for righteousness.” These godly principles are reflected in examples throughout the pages of the Bible.

Sunday, February 15th

8:30am Sunday Britt Taylor: *“Moral integrity, shall we exceed the Pharisees?”* -- The Pharisees are widely known for setting up artificial barriers for themselves to ensure that they would not sin. However, one of the problems in doing so was that they eventually elevated their tradition of barriers above the intent of keeping the law of God. But is it really a bad idea for us to set personal boundaries in our own lives to keep ourselves from actually sinning? Let's examine Jesus Christ's perspective on the matter and how His words can inform our own quests for moral excellence.

10:30am Sunday/ Jim Franks--Final *Character – Key to Leadership, Yesterday, Today and Forever* What does it mean to “build character” and why is it important? Character involves “doing the right thing” and is identified in Scripture by exhortation and through example. This seminar will explore the triangle of integrity: Why do I exist; What do I stand for; and What am I up to? Mike Huckabee, candidate for president, wrote a book about his life titled “Character Makes a Difference; Where I’m From; Where I’ve Been; and What I Believe.” In his introduction, Mr. Huckabee writes: “Responding to questions regarding his personal character, President Bill Clinton once told his audience that ‘character isn’t the issue.’ *Yet our character defines the world we live in*