



"Be Virtuous"
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Accepted bribes *Micah 3:11*
Acted w/ violence & deceit *Micah 3:10; 6:12*
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Heartless
Manipulative
Dishonorable; sellout
Cowardice
Hate driven

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