

Integrity

“Let integrity and honesty preserve me; for I wait on thee”
(Psalm 25:21)

Integrity and honesty. Guess we can't have one without the other. These two words should be actively present in the lifestyle of every believer. Unfortunately, they are probably the rarest character traits visible in most believers lives today.

Many times, we can't tell the difference with how so folks act. And the truth is, there should be no difference in how we act out in the world or in the church. Integrity means thinking and doing what is right at all times, no matter what the consequences.

Integrity is not a possession we acquire. It is a lifestyle that exists only as long as we willingly decide to walk in it. Walking in it is our choice and is based on values rather than personal gain.



The Latin root of the word "integrity" is "integer." Other words that share that same root include "entire" and "integrate." Integrity is the quality or condition of being whole, complete, unbroken, and undivided.

Webster,s dictionary says integrity means "Adherence to a code of values of one's beliefs," in other words, living out what we really believe. It is something that overflows from our own moral and ethical principles.

Our integrity comes from our obedience to the Word of God and submission to the Holy Spirit as He leads us in our lives each day. When you have integrity, you are willing to live by biblical standards and beliefs even when no one is watching.

Living your life with integrity means living honestly and openly before others. As you do this, you can be relied upon to be genuine. True integrity resides in the hearts of the believers because of their honesty with themselves, others and the Lord.

Did you know that integrity determines whether others trust you or not? Trust is a key element in establishing credibility and our credibility is at the center of our ability to influence others.

“Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but he who makes his ways crooked will be found out. (Proverbs 10:9).

Friends, you should be known for your integrity. You should influence the people around you because of it. “The integrity of the upright guides them, but the crookedness of the treacherous destroys them” (Proverbs 11:3).

Heavenly Father,

I come to You today, confessing that I have not always lived my life with integrity the way that You would have wanted. I confess my weaknesses to you. Father I want my to live in a way that is transparent before You and others. I want my life to be pleasing to You and a life that brings glory to Your name. I want my life to be an example that will win others into your Kingdom. Thank You that You have been faithful to me even when I proved unfaithful but in Your grace I step out into the future with my hand in Yours, in Jesus name I pray.

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