

Walking in Integrity

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

Integrity and honesty. You can't have one without the other. These two words should be actively present in your daily lifestyle. I know many who think they are not a necessary trait to walk in and are rarely visible. Integrity is not a possession one acquires. It is a lifestyle that exists only as long as you willingly decide to walk in it. Walking in it is your 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 you really believe. It is something that overflows from your own moral and ethical principles.

Your integrity comes from your obedience to the Word of God and submission to the Holy Spirit as He leads you 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 above all the Lord.

Did you know that integrity determines whether others trust you or not? Trust is a key element in establishing credibility with others and it brings with it the ability to influence others. "Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but he who makes his ways crooked will be found out. (Proverbs 10:9).

You should be known for your integrity. You should be an influence to 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.*

Rev. Dr. Gina Cobb
November 13, 2018