

Integrity

Definitions:

Strict adherence, uncompromising, adherence to a moral code of ethics.
Doing the right thing at the right time for the right reason.

I. Practical Integrity

1. What You Say- (Say what you do)

James 5:12 (NIV) – Let your “yes” be yes, and your “No,” no, or you will be condemned.

2. Work Place-

Proverbs 16:11 (Message) – God cares about honesty in the workplace, your business is his business.

Proverbs 11:1 (Message) – God hates cheating in the marketplace; he loves it when business is aboveboard.

3. Pay Taxes-

Matthew 22:21 (NIV) - Then he said to them, “give to Caesar’s what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.”

4. Pay Back Loans-

It’s not a sin to borrow, but not paying it back is a sin.

Proverbs 3:27 (NIV) – Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act.

II. Keys to Increasing Your Integrity

1. Make a Decision – (I will not compromise)

Deuteronomy 30:19 (NIV)– This day I call heaven and earth as witness against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live. . .

A. Think Before You Act –

Proverb 14:8 (NIV) – The wisdom of the prudent is to give thought to their ways, but the folly of fools is deception.

B. Think Before You Speak –

Proverb 13:3 (Message) – Careful words make for a careful life; careless talk may ruin everything.

2. Ask God – (Help me to be a person of integrity)

James 1:5 (NIV) – If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.

A. Do What God Tells You -

Psalms 139:23-24 (NIV) – Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

3. Close Associations – (Who we spend the most time with)

Proverb 13:20 (Message) – Become wise by walking with the wise; hang out with fools and watch your life fall to pieces.

4. Accountability – (Having accountability partners that will confront you in love when you are not walking the walk)

Proverb 27:17 (Message) – As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.

III. Integrity Benefits

1. Protection -

Proverbs 13:6 (NIV) – Righteousness guards the man of integrity, but wickedness overthrows the sinner.

2. People Will Receive Jesus –

1 Timothy 4:16 (NIV) – Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.

3. It's the key to promotion –

Nehemiah 7:1

4. Gods Favor -

Psalms 112:5 (NIV) – Good will come to him who is generous and lends freely, who conducts his affairs with justice.