

THE INTEGRITY INDEX

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The problem with the word integrity, as with the word character, is that many people pick and choose where they want it to be applied.

Three Foundational Principles:

The first is that integrity involves every area of your life, not just the areas you're good at.

Secondly, no matter where you are today on the integrity spectrum, you can get better.

The third principle I want to mention today is that the integrity that matters most is your integrity.

1. The _____ of Integrity. Ref: Pslam112:1

Fear the Lord. What does that mean? At its most fundamental level, it means that you're able to say, "There is a God, and it's not me. I'm not the center of the universe."

Integrity begins with a relationship with God. We are to grow in our salvation. Ref: Philippians 2:12; 1st Peter 2:2-3

Every day we need to surrender ourselves anew to his Lordship in our lives.

Psalms 112:1b "finds great delight in his commands you cannot be a person of integrity without a strong moral compass."

A life of integrity begins when you connect spiritually with God, and you delight yourself in his Word.

2. Integrity in _____

God has called us to be holy, and holiness really is about how we treat other people. The same can be said for integrity. A person of integrity treats people well.

The word righteous isn't a religious word. It just means "right-doing." Integrity in action treats people well.

3. Integrity's _____

a.) You'll be blessed. v1 Blessed is the man ...

One scholar defined the Hebrew word for blessed this way: "to endue with power for success, prosperity, productivity, creativity, and longevity." v3 Wealth and riches are in his house.

(b.) You'll be a positive influence on others. Ref: v 2,3

The person who lives in integrity leaves behind a legacy of influence.

(c.) You will live above your circumstances. Ref: v 4,7,8

A person of integrity has a secure and steadfast heart.