

“Integrity: Who You Are When Everybody’s Looking”

“The man of integrity walks securely, but he who takes crooked paths will be found out.”
- Proverbs 10:9

The proverbial “everybody”...

What is Integrity?

- a battle against compromise
- forged over a lifetime
- tarnished in a moment
- a match between your words and your actions

1. Integrity is a Battle Against Compromise.

“...and do not give the devil a foothold.”
- Ephesians 4:27

- What do we wear into battle?
- The “however” of our lives
 - 1 Kings 9:4; 11:1

2. Integrity is Forged Over a Lifetime.

Four Commitments of Integrity — Joseph

1 – The commitment to purity (Genesis 39:6-18)

- Purity is not only sexual
- We need God’s help to remain pure

“Do not let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.”
- 1 Timothy 4:12

2 – The commitment of attitude (Genesis 39:20-21)

- When we can’t change our circumstances we can always change our attitude.

“Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.”
- Colossians 3:1

3 – The commitment to faithfulness (Genesis 40:8)

“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness.’”
- Matthew 25:21

4 – The commitment to consistency (Genesis 50:20)

- Joseph, Daniel, Job

3. Integrity is Tarnished in a Moment.

Three tests of Integrity — Joseph again

1 – The test of adversity (Genesis 39:8)

2 – The test of prosperity (Genesis 39:4)

“I’ll say this for adversity – people seem to be able to stand it, and that’s more than I can say for prosperity.”
- Kim Hubbard

3 – The test of contentment (Genesis 40:23)

4. Integrity is a Match Between Your Words and Actions.

“Then the LORD said to Satan, ‘Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil. And he still maintains his integrity, though you incited me against him to ruin him without any reason.’”
- Job 2:3 (see also Job 27:5)

Applying This To My Life:

- Is compromise creeping into my life?
- Which of the four commitments is hardest for me to keep?
- Which of the three tests do I face most often?
- Do my words consistently match my actions?

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