

# Living with Nothing to Hide

Titus 1:6a

## **Introduction:**

Psalm 101:2 *I will walk within my house in the integrity of my heart.*

**Security** Prov. 10:9 *He who walks in integrity walks securely, But he who perverts his ways will be found out.*

**Guidance** Prov. 11:3 *The integrity of the upright will guide them, But the falseness of the treacherous will destroy them.*

**Blesses our children** Prov. 20:7 *A righteous man who walks in his integrity—How blessed are his sons after him.*

**Brings happiness** Ps. 119:1 *How blessed are those whose way is blameless, Who walk in the law of the Lord.*

**Brings God delight** Prov. 11:20 *The perverse in heart are an abomination to the Lord, But the blameless in their walk are His delight.*

**Effective witnesses** Phil. 2:15 *that you may prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world,*

**Chose us** Eph. 1:4 *just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him....*

## • **What is undermining integrity?**

Lack of \_\_\_\_\_

Lack of \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ

Lack of a \_\_\_\_\_ built conscience

Lack of true biblical \_\_\_\_\_

Titus 1:6 & 7

1 Tim. 3:2 *An overseer, then, must be above reproach*

1 Tim. 3:10 *let them serve as deacons if they are beyond reproach*

## #1. The Misunderstanding of integrity

### 1st - Not free from \_\_\_\_\_ or slander

Matt. 11:19 *"The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Behold, a gluttonous man and a drunkard, a friend of tax-gatherers and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."*

2 Tim. 3:12 *indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.*

1 Pet. 2:12 *Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they*

1 Pet. 3:17 *For it is better, ...that you suffer for doing what is right rather than for doing what is wrong.*

### 2nd - Not impressive in outward \_\_\_\_\_

Matt. 23:27 *Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which on the outside appear beautiful, but inside they are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness.*

### 3rd - Not living perfectly, but \_\_\_\_\_

- 1 Timothy 4

## #2. The Mechanics of Integrity

- Acts 16

1st - People were \_\_\_\_\_ Timothy

2nd - More than \_\_\_\_\_ was talking

3rd - Feedback came from more than one \_\_\_\_\_

4th - Spiritual leaders will \_\_\_\_\_ this person

## #3. The Mangling of a life of integrity

- 1 Corinthians 10

Verse 6 - They craved evil things

Verse 7 - They committed idolatry

Verse 8 - They engaged in immoral acts

Verse 9 - They tempted God

Verse 10 - They grumbled

*Eccl. 10:1 Dead flies make a perfumer's oil stink, so a little foolishness is weightier than wisdom and honor*

## #4. The Meaning of Integrity

**1st - A - The Absence of accurate \_\_\_\_\_**

*Luke 2:25 And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Spirit was upon him.*

**2nd - B - Blank of \_\_\_\_\_**

*Luke 1:5 In the days of Herod, ...there was a certain priest named Zacharias, ...and he had a wife ..and her name was Elizabeth. 6 And they were both righteous in the sight of God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and requirements of the Lord*

**3rd - C - Consistent \_\_\_\_\_**

*Job 1:8 the Lord said to Satan, Have you considered My servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, fearing God and turning away from evil.*

## #5. The Manner of living with integrity

### 1st-As an \_\_\_\_\_

1 Timothy 3:7 *And he must have a good reputation with those outside the church, so that he may not fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.*

### 2nd-With your \_\_\_\_\_

Daniel 6:4 *Then the commissioners and satraps began trying to find a ground of accusation against Daniel in regard to government affairs; but they could find no ground of accusation or evidence of corruption, inasmuch as he was faithful, and no negligence or corruption was to be found in him. 5 Then these men said, We shall not find any ground of accusation against this Daniel unless we find it against him with regard to the law of his God*

### 3rd-As a single \_\_\_\_\_

**3** 1 Samuel 16:18 *Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite who is a skillful musician, a mighty man of valor, a warrior, one prudent in speech, and a handsome man; and the Lord is with him.*

### 4th-As a \_\_\_\_\_

Phil 2:20 *For I have no one else of kindred spirit who will genuinely be concerned for your welfare. 21 For they all seek after their own interests, not those of Christ Jesus. 22 But you know of his proven worth that he served with me in the furtherance of the gospel like a child serving his father.*

### 5th-With your \_\_\_\_\_

Dan. 6:16 *Then the king gave orders, and Daniel was brought in and cast into the lions' den. The king spoke and said to Daniel, Your God whom you constantly serve will Himself deliver you*

### 6th-As a single \_\_\_\_\_

Ruth 2: **10** *Then she fell on her face, bowing to the ground and said to him, "Why have I found favor in your sight that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?" 11 And Boaz answered and said to her, "All that you have done for your mother-in-law after the death of your husband has been fully reported to me, and how you left your father and your mother and the land of your birth, and came to a people that you did not previously know.*

## #6. The Method of developing integrity

### • Philippians 2:12-16

1st - \_\_\_\_\_ at it v12

2nd - \_\_\_ upon Jesus v13

3rd - Deal with the \_\_\_\_\_ things v14

#### 4th - Dare to be \_\_\_\_\_ v15

*Matt. 10:32 Everyone who shall confess Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven. 33 But whoever shall deny Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven.*

#### 5th - \_\_\_\_\_ **God's Word** v16

*John 17:17 Sanctify them in the truth; Thy word is truth.*

*Eccl 7:1 :A good name is better than a good ointment*

*Proverbs 22:1 A good name is to be more desired than great riches, favor is better than silver and gold.*

#### **Conclusion: Questions for self-evaluation**

- What "little concessions" have I made (bending "picky" rules, stealing "innocent" looks, letting "harmless" misunderstandings go unchallenged when they're to my advantage, telling "white" lies to smooth out awkward situations)? Have I committed myself to work against such concessions both privately and publicly?
- Is there anything evil I might try if I knew for certain I'd never be caught?
- Does my record of prayer and giving make a case for or against my integrity?
- Do I respond to scripture with integrity when it convicts me? Do I clear my conscience and make restitution?
- Do I keep my promises to my boss? my spouse? my children? my creditors?
- Do people in the world respect me for having high moral standards and impeccable ethics?
- Do I make fair business deals and make every effort to pay my bills on time?
- Am I under authority to civil government, by obeying laws and paying taxes?
- Am I submissive to the Lord in my lifestyle; do I show that by being submissive to God's appointed authorities?
- Do I hunger for righteousness like a starving person? Do I openly admit I am different because of Jesus?
- What would they say about my integrity at my job? A hard worker? Am I scrupulous about not stealing time or tools?
- Do I make every effort to be an excellent dedicated craftsman at what I do?