

## Becoming a Person of Integrity

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*Proverbs 28:6, ESV – Better is a poor man who walks in his integrity than a rich man who is crooked in his ways.*

*Proverbs 20:7a, NLT – The godly walk with integrity.*

What is integrity?

*Matthew 5:11-12, NIV – [Jesus said,] “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”*

*Main Passage: Psalm 101*

### 1. Integrity means being rooted in \_\_\_\_\_

*Psalm 101:1, NLT – I will sing of your love and justice, Lord. I will praise you with songs.*

*Micah 7:18-19, NIV – Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.*

*Micah 6:8, NIV – He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.*

*Proverbs 21:3, NLT – The Lord is more pleased when we do what is right and just than when we offer him sacrifices.*

### 2. Integrity \_\_\_\_\_

*Psalm 101:2, NLT – I will be careful to live a blameless life—when will you come to help me? I will lead a life of integrity in my own home.*

*1 Peter 3:7, 12, LB – You husbands must be careful of your wives, being thoughtful of their needs and honoring them... Remember that you and your wife are partners in receiving God's blessings, and if you don't treat her as you should, your prayers will not get ready answers. ...*

*For the Lord is watching his children, listening to their prayers; but the Lord's face is hard against those who do evil.*

*Proverbs 20:7, NLT – The godly walk with integrity; blessed are their children who follow them.*

**3. Integrity means \_\_\_\_\_**

*Psalm 101:3a, NLT – I will refuse to look at anything vile and vulgar.*

*1 John 2:16, NIV – For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world.*

**4. Integrity is \_\_\_\_\_**

*Luke 21:14-19, NIV – [Jesus said,] “But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. Everyone will hate you because of me. But not a hair of your head will perish. Stand firm, and you will win life.”*

*1 Corinthians 16:13, NIV – Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.*

*Psalm 25:21, NIV – May integrity and uprightness protect me, because my hope, Lord, is in you.*

**5. Integrity means intentionally \_\_\_\_\_**

*Psalm 101:6-7, NLT – I will search for faithful people to be my companions. Only those who are above reproach will be allowed to serve me. I will not allow deceivers to serve in my house, and liars will not stay in my presence.*

*Proverbs 27:17, MSG – You use steel to sharpen steel, and one friend sharpens another.*

**Reflection:** What “little things” are hindering my integrity? What choices can I make today toward becoming a person of integrity? Remember, God loves you and is for you and will help you walk closely with him always.