



Unwavering Integrity in a Waffling World

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That's Radical!

Jesus calls His followers to live radically differently in a world that misleads, misrepresents, and is missing the truth!

Three Distinctives of Followers of Jesus

- Humility
- **Integrity**
- Unity

What is Integrity?

The state of being whole and undivided or the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles

Consistently saying and doing what is good, right, and true even when no one is watching or it is unpopular.

What Integrity Is Not

- **Perfection in words or deeds**
- **Just a way of acting when others are looking**
- **Speaking what is true, even if it is harsh or harmful**

What do we see within the world and our modern culture?

- **Too many preachers and not enough practitioners**
- **Say-Do Gap. incongruence between beliefs, words, and actions**
- **Making false promises and misrepresenting facts**
- **Refusing to have accountability or take responsibility**

What does God say about Integrity?

1 Chronicles 29:17a

I know, my God, that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity.

Proverbs 10:9

Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but whoever takes crooked paths will be found out.

2 Corinthians 1:12

Now this is our boast: Our conscience testifies that we have conducted ourselves in the world, and especially in our relations with you, with integrity and godly sincerity. We have done so, relying not on worldly wisdom but on God's grace.

How did Jesus model integrity for us?

Matthew 22:16

They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are.

Jesus' Model of Integrity

- He **walked with integrity** while **surrounded by hypocrisy**
- He **taught** and **lived** out the truth of God's Word
- He lived **without compromise**; He wouldn't be flattered, bribed, or bullied

Why is integrity important to Jesus and His Followers?

Walking in Integrity Reflects the Character of the One We Are Following, Rejects the Lies of the Enemy, and Reaches People in a Real and Authentic Way!

Radically Growing in Integrity and Showing it in Greater Measure.

Fill Your **Mind with Truth**

Come **Prepared and Arrive on **Time****

Fact Check Your **Words Before Communicating to Others**

Admit When You're **Wrong and Own Your **Mistakes****

Surround **Yourself with People of Integrity and Invite **Openness, Candor,** and **Honest** Feedback**

Be Willing to Have the Hard but Right Conversations

As we walk with integrity, we model our King and point people to Him!