

INTEGRITY IS YOUR GUIDE

Word to the wise...pursue integrity

Stay out of danger

Proverbs 11:1-6

Dishonest scales are detestable to the LORD, but an accurate weight is his delight. Proverbs 11:1

God loves honesty...hates dishonestly

When arrogance comes, disgrace follows, but with humility comes wisdom.

Proverbs 11:2

Humility brings wisdom

The integrity of the upright guides them, but the perversity of the treacherous destroys them. Proverbs 11:3

Integrity is our guide

Wealth is not profitable on a day of wrath, but righteousness rescues from death. Proverbs 11:4

Integrity is better than money

The righteousness of the blameless clears his path, but the wicked person will fall because of his wickedness. Proverbs 11:5

Safest path is honesty

The righteousness of the upright rescues them, but the treacherous are trapped by their own desires. Proverbs 11:6

Integrity and honesty keep us safe

- Integrity: committing to close the gap

What I say | _____ | What I do

But let your 'yes' mean 'yes,' and your 'no' mean 'no.' Anything more than this is from the evil one. Matthew 5:37

- Choose a lifestyle of honesty

The heart is more deceitful than anything else, and incurable—who can understand it? I, the LORD, examine the mind, I test the heart...

Jeremiah 17:9-10

Too easy on ourselves...pride

Too hard on ourselves...false pride

Walking in integrity

Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my concerns. See if there is any offensive way in me; lead me in the everlasting way. Psalm 139:23-24

Sustain your energy

Remain in me, and I in you. Just as a branch is unable to produce fruit by itself unless it remains on the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me.

John 15:4

Fortify your spirit...build a fire, stay warm

The one who walks with the wise will become wise, but a companion of fools will suffer harm. Proverbs 13:20

Daniel is our example

God gave **these four young men** knowledge and understanding... Daniel 1:17

Daniel **determined** that he would not defile himself... Daniel 1:8

God had granted Daniel kindness and compassion...**God gave** these four young men knowledge and understanding in every kind of literature and wisdom...The king interviewed them, and among all of them, no one was found equal to Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah...In every matter of wisdom and understanding that the king consulted them about, he found them ten times better... Daniel 1:9,17,19,20

Discussion Question:

Where do you need to address the gap between what you say and what you do?

Scripture from the CSB unless noted.