

HOW TO BECOME A PERSON OF INTEGRITY?

- You must be willing to **pay the price** for truth. v33
- The price will be the sacrifice of temporal **acceptance** (compliant) and **security** (control). Matt.16:24-26; 2Cor.5:17
- Jesus was stripped naked so that we would be clothed with **His Righteousness**. John 18:19-23, 37; 2Cor.5:21
- You have all the **acceptance** and **security** in Christ you'll ever need to both hear the truth (w/o defensiveness) and speak the truth (w/ love). Col.1:27; 2Pet.1:3

Key Thought: Because our acceptance and security are fully found **in Christ**, we no longer have to hide from the truth or pretend before others.

GROWING NOTES

Icebreaker—Why do you think people often exaggerate stories or make promises they can't keep?

Observation (What does the text say?)—In Matthew 5:33-37, what problem was Jesus confronting with oaths and swearing? What do you think Jesus means by simply letting your “yes” be yes and your “no” be no?

Interpretation (What does it mean?)—Why do people feel the need to “strengthen” their words with promises, excuses, or exaggeration? How does hiding and image management affect our relationship with God and others? Why do you think Jesus cares so deeply about honesty and authenticity?

Application (How does this apply?)—How does the cross of Christ free us from pretending? Why is it easier to be honest when your identity is secure in God's love? What is one area this week where you need to practice greater honesty or integrity? What would change in your relationships if you lived with greater openness and authenticity? What practical habits help build integrity in everyday life? Pray.



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 - >Sunday night prayer meeting 6pm, in the lobby
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James 5:14 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.



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KINGDOM CULTURE
The Gospel of Matthew

Ray Davis

“No Healing in Hiding” Matthew 5:31-37

The more skillful we are at impression management (hiding/mask wearing), the more the healing power of community with God and others is diminished and the more we are trapped in our brokenness and loneliness. Hiding is a curse that came into being after the Fall. Hiding is motivated by shame and involves pretending and blame-shifting (Gen.3). People gripped by God's grace live for an Audience of One producing a life of integrity.

WHAT IS INTEGRITY? vv33-35, 37

- Integrity = **wholeness**, consistency, openness, honesty and authenticity.
- Being the **same person** publicly, privately, and spiritually.

Key Thought: Integrity is not what you say occasionally—it's who you are **consistently** before God.

Legalism vs. Gospel Motivation: Pharisee obeys out of fear of punishment. God's presence is **crushing**.

A Gospel-centered person obeys out of love. God's presence is **comforting** and strengthening. Psalm 16:8, 11

WHY IS INTEGRITY IMPORTANT? v37

- Integrity **Reflects** the Character of God. Num.23:19
- Integrity Builds **Trust**. 2Cor.8:21
- Integrity Brings **Freedom**. Pro.11:3, 28:13
- Integrity Is **Foundational** to Spiritual Growth. Ps.145:18; Eph.5:15, 25

Key Thought: You can impress people with talent, but you **impact** people with integrity.