



DISCIPLESHIP



A close-up photograph showing a hand placing a white wooden letter 'Y' onto a sandy surface. The word 'INTEGRITY' is being formed by several other white wooden letters already standing upright in the sand. The scene is lit with warm, golden light, creating soft shadows.

INTEGRITY

***In Private and Public Life: Living
Consistently with Godly Character***

Integrity

- Integrity is not just about avoiding scandal. It's about living with wholeness, with a heart that is aligned with God's truth in every area—public and private. It's about being the same man in the prayer closet as you are in the pulpit, the boardroom, or the living room.

Who Are You When No One's Watching?

- Integrity is tested in the unseen places.
- God desires wholeness, not performance.
- We should make it a point to reflect on the consistency of our character.

I. Defining Integrity: Wholeness Before God

- Integrity, in its biblical sense, means wholeness; a life that is not divided. **(Proverbs 11:3)**
- Integrity the opposite of duplicity or hypocrisy. The Hebrew word used here carries the idea of moral innocence and uprightness.
- Integrity is not perfection, but consistency—a life guided by truth, not convenience.
- Integrity is not just about what we do, but who we are when no one is watching. It's the internal compass that keeps us steady when the winds of temptation blow.

II. Private Integrity: Who Are You in the Secret Place?

- Private integrity is cultivated in the secret place. It's in the quiet moments, when no one is applauding, no one is judging, that our true character is formed.
- It's when you Pray in secret, and know that God only sees. (**Matthew 6:6**)
- Even in trials, integrity remains. (**Job 2:3**)

Private Integrity

- Private integrity means:
- Guarding our thought life. (**Philippians 4:8**)
- Practicing purity in our eyes and hearts. (**Psalms 101:3**)
- Being honest in finances, even when no one would know.
- Praying and seeking God not for show, but for intimacy.

III. Public Integrity: Representing Christ in the World.

**Public integrity is not just about reputation—it's about witness.
When people see us, do they see Christ?**

- Integrity Builds Trust and Witness. (**Daniel 6:4–5**)
- Be faithful under pressure. (**1 Peter 3:16**)
- Integrity is displayed in Leadership and Work. (**Colossians 3:23**)
- Integrity Reflects Christ to the World. (**Matthew 5:16, Philippians 2:15**)

Public Integrity

Public integrity means:

- Speaking truth even when it's unpopular.
- Refusing to compromise under pressure.
- Leading with humility and transparency.
- Being the same man at church, at work, and at home.

IV. The Cost and Reward of Integrity

Integrity brings lasting strength.

- Integrity will cost you. It may cost you promotions, popularity, or comfort. But it will never cost you your soul. **(Matthew 5:8)**
- God honors those who walk blamelessly. **(Psalm 15:2, 5)**
- The reward of integrity is intimacy with God, peace of conscience, and a legacy of trust. **(Psalm 15)**
- Integrity anchors us. It builds credibility. It allows us to lead with authority because our lives back up our words.

V. Practical Steps Toward Integrity

1. Integrity Inventory

- Take time this week to assess your speech, finances, and relationships. Where are you tempted to cut corners?

2. Accountability Challenge

- Pair up with a brother in Christ. Commit to weekly check-ins. Share one area of struggle and pray for each other.

3. Prayer Focus

- Ask God to reveal hidden areas and give you courage to walk in truth. Pray Psalm 139:23–24.

Memorization Scripture:

The integrity of the upright will guide them, but the perversity of the unfaithful will destroy them. (Proverbs 11:3)

QUESTIONS

