

Integrity is defined as adhering to moral and ethical principles; soundness of moral character; honesty. As believers in God and Christ, integrity is required from all of us because it has its source in God's moral truths.

Here's what the Word of God clearly says on this:

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

Proverbs 19:1, "Better *is* the poor who walks in his integrity than *one who is* perverse in his lips, and is a fool."

Proverbs 10:9, "He who walks with integrity walks securely, but he who perverts his ways will become known." In truth, we're either on God's side or the world's.

As such:

Micah 6:8, "He has shown you, O man, what *is* good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God."

1 Timothy 1:5, "The purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, *from* a good conscience, and *from* sincere faith."

In Jesus' own words:

Luke 16:10, "One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much."

Therefore:

Romans 9:1, "I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit."

Am I grounded in Christ with integrity?

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## BEWARE OF THE CRAFTY DECEPTIONS OF THE WORLD

*“But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.”*  
2 Corinthians 11:3

Deception is what the world uses to draw people into error, using lies and doubt to cause some to accept as truth those lies of the enemy of our faith.

As such, the Word of God says:

Genesis 3:1, “Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, “Has God indeed said, ‘you shall not eat of every tree of the garden?’”

And as the apostle Paul clearly warned us:

Galatians 1:6-8, “I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed.”

The reason why:

Proverbs 12:22, “Lying lips *are* an abomination to the LORD, but those who deal truthfully *are* His delight.”

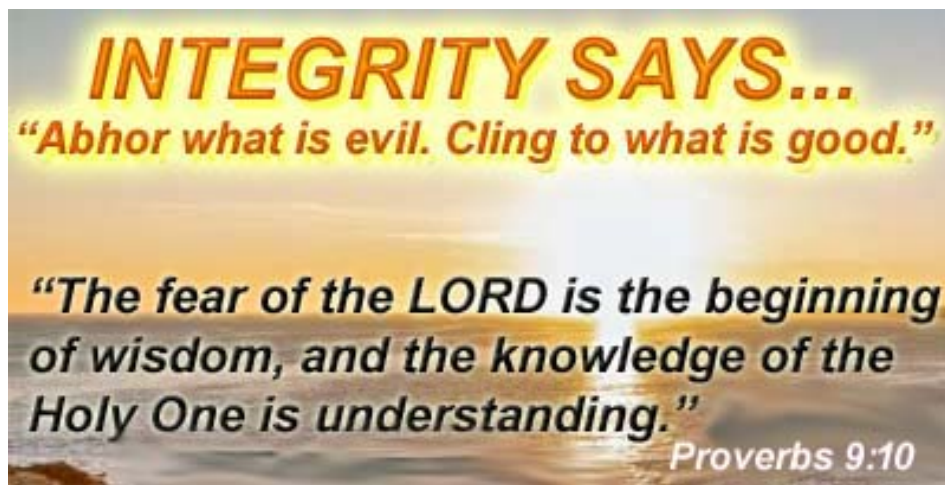
Proverbs 28:26, “He who trusts in his own heart is a fool, but whoever walks wisely will be delivered.”

Therefore:

Proverbs 2:7-8, “He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; *He is* a shield to those who walk uprightly. He guards the paths of justice, and preserves the way of His saints.”

Am I standing by God’s Word with integrity of the heart?

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What does moral integrity imply?

Romans 12:9, "Let love *be* without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good."

Proverbs 4:25-27, "Let your eyes look straight ahead, and your eyelids look right before you. Ponder the path of your feet, and let all your ways be established. Do not turn to the right or the left; remove your foot from evil."

As such:

Psalm 15:1-2, "O LORD, who shall sojourn in your tent? Who shall dwell on your holy hill? He who walks blamelessly and does what is right and speaks truth in his heart."

What's more?

Titus 2:6-7, "Exhort the young men to be sober-minded, in all things showing yourself *to be* a pattern of good works; in doctrine *showing* integrity, reverence, incorruptibility."

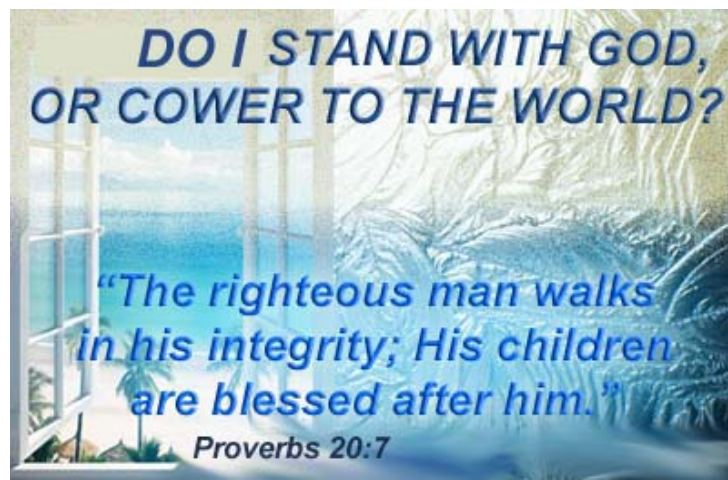
Philippians 4:8, "Whatever things are true, whatever things *are* noble, whatever things *are* just, whatever things *are* pure, whatever things *are* lovely, whatever things *are* of good report, if *there is* any virtue and if *there is* anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things."

Therefore:

Romans 12:2, "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

How committed am I to renew my mind and abide in God's Word?

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The Word of God describes how Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who under the penalty of being thrown into the burning furnace, refused to worship the idols of the king, and said:

Daniel 3:16-18, "King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty's hand. But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up."

And we know that their integrity of character resulted in God powerfully delivering them!

What does scripture say about walking in integrity?

1 Kings 9:4, "Walk before Me as your father David walked, in integrity of heart and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded you."

As such:

Psalm 1:1-2, "Blessed *is* the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; but his delight *is* in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night."

Therefore:

Psalm 7:8, "Judge me, O LORD, according to my righteousness, and according to my integrity within me."

How strong do I perform on the integrity meter of God?

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