

SPIRIT-EMPOWERED DAD

Lesson 2: A Spirit-Empowered Dad Is a Man of Integrity

Main Idea: A Spirit-empowered dad who has inward convictions will never betray them because he has the integrity to live out these convictions. In this lesson, you will begin to learn what it means to live a life of integrity.



SIGHTLINE: Acquire Your Target

A Spirit-empowered dad who has inward convictions will never betray them because he has the integrity to live out these convictions. If there is any diversion from these convictions, it is seen as personal failure or hypocrisy. A Spirit-empowered dad must establish their convictions on truth and then have the integrity to stick with them. A deep sense of values based on truth will help a dad to never waiver in his priorities.

Many things in society depend on public opinion, which changes like the wind. It is critical for a man to know the difference between his convictions and his opinions. An opinion can be changed by gaining information. A conviction is solid and must be based on an absolute bedrock truth. It is from the bedrock of absolute truth that integrity is established.

A dad's commitment to his convictions makes or breaks him. If you forget your commitments to your inward priorities, you will be off course and headed for disaster. Your life will not be one of integrity. A Spirit-empowered dad will live with integrity in his convictions and not his opinions. When a dad establishes his convictions on absolute truth, they will not change. Determine to be a man who lives his life with integrity. A Spirit-empowered dad recognizes that his integrity as a man of God determines whether his children are blessed or burdened. Ultimately, your family becomes a reflection of you.

Becoming a man of integrity begins with self-examination, knowing who you are and what you value. Most dads have some values but realize there are others they need to develop their life. By focusing on values—both those you have and those you want to have—will help you live with integrity.





CROSSHAIR: Focus On Your Target

Becoming a dad of integrity takes time. There will be times when you will do something that is not consistent with your values. When you make a mistake, acknowledge it and determine not to make that mistake again. You should continually ask God to help you become the dad you want to be. He is always there to help you.

Integrity is consistently living one's life according to a set of moral values. Dads who have integrity have a clearly defined set of internal values that can be seen externally through their words and actions. For example, a dad who values honesty will not be a liar. He will be true to himself and his beliefs.

Developing integrity in your life may be the most important thing you can do to lead your family. Acting with integrity in every area of your life sends a powerful message to your family and is one of the biggest things you can do to earn their respect and admiration. Consider the following points about integrity:

- Dads with integrity are the same in public as they are at home.
- Dads with integrity do the right thing when no one else is looking.
- Dads with integrity speak truth in love.
- Dads with integrity keep their word.
- Dads with integrity can be trusted.
- Dads with integrity show respect to others.
- Dads with integrity are fair.



BULLSEYE: Zero In On Your Target

- Describe someone in your life whom you respect for their integrity.

- How do you know they are a person of integrity?

- What are your top three priorities? On a scale of 1 to 4 with 1 being very well and 4 not well, how well do you live out these priorities? Write a plan to improve.

- If your children grow up to be just like you, will you be delighted or depressed? Why?
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NEXT STEP:

This section gives suggestions for how to turn your new knowledge into an action step. Men's Ministries realizes that not all relationships are created equally. If these action steps seem too difficult, adjust your next step so it will fit into your relationship with your child.

- **Courage:** Sit down with your family and tell them about your decision to live a life of integrity.

- **Strength:** Find an accountability partner and set up a system to hold you accountable for living with integrity.

- **Endurance:** Write six to eight personal values you will live out.

