

IT TAKES CHARACTER
make a **DIFFERENCE** in your world – Part 2
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INTEGRITY: “The quality or state of being complete or undivided or incorruptible.”

I. WHY INTEGRITY MATTERS

1. IT _____ GOD.
“The LORD detests people with crooked hearts, but he delights in those with integrity.” (Proverbs 11:20, NLT)
2. IT _____ OTHERS.
“People who do not believe are living all around you...Live such good lives that they will see the good things you do and will give glory to God on the day when Christ comes again.” (1 Peter 2:12, NCV)
3. IT _____ ME.
“People with integrity walk safely, but those who follow crooked paths will slip and fall.” (Proverbs 10:9, NLT)

II. HOW TO BUILD CHARACTER

*“And David shepherded them with integrity of heart; with skillful hands he led them.”
(Psalm 78:72, NIV)*

1. A _____ SPIRIT.
“I will sing of your love and justice, LORD. I will praise you with songs.” (Psalm 101:1, NLT)

“May you always be filled with the fruit of your salvation—the righteous character produced in your life by Jesus Christ—for this will bring much glory and praise to God.” (Philippians 1:11, NLT)
2. AN _____ LIFESTYLE.
“I will be careful to live a blameless life...I will lead a life of integrity in my own home.” (Psalm 101:2, NLT)

“...Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people.” (Philippians 2:15, NLT)
3. A _____ MIND.
“I will refuse to look at anything vile and vulgar. I hate all who deal crookedly; I will have nothing to do with them. I will reject perverse ideas and stay away from every evil.” (Psalm 101:3–4, NLT)

“Turn my eyes from worthless things, and give me life through your word.” (Psalm 119:37, NLT)

4. A _____ GROUP.

“I will not tolerate people who slander their neighbors. I will not endure conceit and pride. I will search for faithful people to be my companions.” (Psalm 101:5–6, NLT)

“Don’t befriend angry people or associate with hot-tempered people, or you will learn to be like them and endanger your soul.” (Proverbs 22:24–25, NLT)

“Do not be misled: “Bad company corrupts good character.”” (1 Corinthians 15:33, NIV)

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LAST THOUGHT

To make a difference, I must _____.

*“God’s divine power has given us everything we need for life and for godliness...”
(2 Peter 1:3, GW)*