

# The Habits of Integrity

## THE HABITS OF SUCCESS: PART 4

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*Integrity is the ingredient that will enable you to forge rapidly ahead on the highway that leads to success. It advertises you as being an individual who will always come through. Whatever you say you will do, do it even if you have to move heaven and earth. Mary Kay*

*“... “Teacher, we know you have integrity, that you are indifferent to public opinion, don’t pander to your students, and teach the way of God accurately...” (Mark 12:14, The Message)*

### WHY INTEGRITY MATTERS

1. IT **PLEASES** GOD.

*“The LORD detests people with crooked hearts, but he delights in those with integrity.” (Proverbs 11:20, NLT)*

2. IT **BLESSES** OTHERS.

*“The godly walk with integrity; blessed are their children who follow them.” (Proverbs 20:7, NLT)*

3. IT **VALIDATES** MY FAITH.

*“so that no one can criticize you. 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)*

4. IT BRINGS **GOD’S FAVOR.**

*“To the faithful you show yourself faithful; to those with integrity you show integrity.” (2 Samuel 22:26, NLT)*

### TO BE A PERSON OF INTEGRITY, I MUST:

1. TELL **THE TRUTH** CONSISTENTLY.

*“The LORD detests lying lips, but he delights in those who tell the truth.” (Proverbs 12:22, NLT)*

2. HANDLE **MY FINANCES** WISELY.

*“Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.” (Romans 13:7, NIV)*

**3. OWN MY MISTAKES RESPONSIBLY.**

*“So if you are presenting a sacrifice at the altar in the Temple and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you, leave your sacrifice there at the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God.” (Matthew 5:23–24, NLT)*

**4. CARE FOR MY RELATIONSHIPS COMPASSIONATELY.**

*“...be humble and consider others more important than yourselves. Care about them as much as you care about yourselves and think the same way that Christ Jesus thought:” (Philippians 2:3–5, CEV)*

**5. GUARD MY SEXUAL PURITY CONSTANTLY.**

*“If you keep yourself pure, you will be a special utensil for honorable use. Your life will be clean, and you will be ready for the Master to use you for every good work. Run from anything that stimulates youthful lusts. Instead, pursue righteous living, faithfulness, love, and peace. Enjoy the companionship of those who call on the Lord with pure hearts.” (2 Timothy 2:21–22, NLT)*

**6. OBEY ALL THAT GOD ASKS OF ME WILLINGLY.**

*“Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.” (John 14:21, NIV)*

**ACTION STEP:**  
**Summer Family Challenge**  
**CLASS 201/301**