

5-Day Devotional Guide Based on This Week's Message from Pastor James:



Day 1: The Foundation of Integrity

Reading: Psalm 139:23-24; 2 Timothy 2:15

Devotional: Integrity begins with honest self-examination before God. Like David, we must invite the Lord to search our hearts and reveal what we cannot see ourselves. We all have blind spots—areas where our motives are mixed or our actions don't align with our words. God's Word acts as a mirror, showing us truth about ourselves that we might otherwise miss. When we invest time in Scripture and prayer, we're not just gaining knowledge; we're allowing God to transform us from the inside out. This week, before opening your Bible, pray: "Search me, O God, and know my heart." Let Him reveal what needs to change so you can walk safely in His truth.

Day 2: The Power of Truth-Telling

Reading: Ephesians 4:24-25; Proverbs 12:22

Devotional: The Lord detests lying lips but delights in those who tell the truth. Lies require maintenance—one lie leads to another, creating a web of deception that traps us. Truth, however, stands on its own and brings freedom. When we lie to ourselves, to others, or attempt to hide things from God, we block the intimacy He desires with us. Integrity means telling the truth even when it's inconvenient or might hurt us. Today, examine your life: Are there areas where you've been dishonest? Have you told "little white lies" or half-truths? Remember, a half-truth is still a whole lie. Confess these to God and commit to becoming a truth-teller. Freedom awaits on the other side of honesty.

Day 3: Consistency in Public and Private

Reading: Galatians 2:11-13; Psalm 15:1-5

Devotional: True integrity means being the same person in private as you are in public. Peter's failure teaches us that changing our behavior based on who's watching reveals a lack of authenticity. Those closest to us—our family, coworkers, and neighbors—see the real us. They know if our Sunday worship connects to our Monday living. True success is when those who know us best love and respect us most. This requires working consistently to align our private choices with our public confession. Ask yourself: Would I be embarrassed if others saw how I act when I'm alone? Does my social media reflect the same values I express in church? Let your life be an open book that points others to Christ's transforming power.

Day 4: Integrity Precedes Intimacy

Reading: Psalm 15:1-5; James 4:8

Devotional: Who may approach God's holy hill? Those who walk with integrity. Before we can experience deep intimacy with God, we must come to Him with clean hands and pure hearts. It's hard to worship freely when we're hiding sin or harboring dishonesty. Integrity sets the stage for genuine connection with our Creator. When we live uprightly, we don't have to look over our shoulders or wonder if our past will catch up with us. We can approach God's throne with confidence, knowing we've been honest with Him and ourselves. If your worship feels distant or your prayers seem to bounce off the ceiling, examine your integrity. Confess what needs confessing. Clear the pathway to intimacy through honest living.

Day 5: Standing Firm Through Integrity

Reading: Proverbs 10:9; Job 1:1-8

Devotional: People with integrity walk safely because they have nothing to hide and no one to fear. Job's story reminds us that living with integrity doesn't mean we won't face trials, but it does mean we'll stand firm through them. When storms come, integrity becomes our anchor. We don't let circumstances change our character or compromise our convictions. In these uncertain times, with challenges in government, economy, and society, God calls us to be people who do what's right simply because it's right—regardless of what others do. Integrity means keeping promises even when it hurts and honoring commitments when it's inconvenient. As you face this week, remember: those who lead blameless lives and do what is right will stand firm forever. Invest in integrity today for a foundation that cannot be shaken tomorrow.