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Legacy: Living with Integrity

What is Integrity? [In-teg-ri-ty] noun:

- A. The quality of being honest and having strong moral principles; moral uprightness.
- B. The state of being whole and undivided

**A Titanic Problem:
to COMPARTMENTALIZE OUR LIVES**

I. The Benefits of Integrity

1. It makes GOD SMILE.

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

2. Living with integrity BLESSES THOSE AROUND YOU.

a. The “Ripple Effect” (Family, City, Nation)

“The righteous man walks in his integrity; His children are blessed after him.” Proverbs 20:7 (NKJV)

*“Through the blessing of the upright a **city** is exalted...” Proverbs 11:11a (NIV)*

“Godliness makes a nation great, but sin is a disgrace to any people.” Proverbs 14:34 (NLT)

b. The “Salt Effect”

“You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless.” Matthew 5:13 (NLT)

“Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbors.” 1 Peter 2:12a (NLT)

Case Study: Abraham intercedes with God
Genesis 18:16-33

3. Living with integrity BENEFITS ME.

“People with integrity walk safely, but those who follow crooked paths will be exposed.” Proverbs 10:9 (NLT)

II. So, How Do I Live with Integrity?

1. USE YOUR WORDS wisely.

“Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of His body, the church.” Ephesians 4:15 (NLT)

“Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.” Ephesians 4:29 (NIV)

2. STAND UP for what’s right.

“For we cannot oppose the truth, but must always stand for the truth.” 2 Corinthians 13:8 (NLT)

3. LIVE CLEAN.

“Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people.” Philippians 2:15b (NLT)

*“By His divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know Him, the One who called us to Himself by means of His marvelous glory and excellence.”
2 Peter 1:3 (NLT)*