

Lost Virtues pt. 3 – Integrity

1 Chronicles 29:17 NLT – I know, my God, that you examine our hearts and rejoice when you find integrity there.

Benefits of Integrity

✓ **You can walk closely with God.**

Psalm 15:1-2 NLT – Who may worship in your sanctuary, LORD? Who may enter your presence on your holy hill? ²Those who lead blameless lives and do what is right, speaking the truth from sincere hearts.

✓ **You have a built-in guide.**

Proverbs 11:3 NIV – The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity.

✓ **You have consistent peace in your heart.**

Proverbs 10:9 CSB – The one who lives with integrity lives securely, but whoever perverts his ways will be found out.

✓ **You gain trust, respect, honor, and influence.**

Nehemiah 7:2 NIV – I put in charge of Jerusalem my brother Hanani, along with Hananiah the commander of the citadel, because he was a man of integrity and feared God more than most people do.

For the Christian, integrity is acting true to nature – being who you really are – a child of God and a citizen of heaven.

How Develop Integrity

1. Train your heart to love what Jesus loves.

Colossians 3:1 NIV – Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

2. Train your brain to think like Jesus thinks.

Colossians 3:2 NIV – Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

3. Train your character to be like Jesus's character.

Colossians 3:12-14 NIV – Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

