

COLLEGE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

Psalms: A Summer Sermon Series

Part 10 - "Walking in Integrity"

Psalms 101:1-4 | Sunday | August 24th, 2025

"I will walk with integrity of heart within my house;"

Psalm 141:2b

Context: Where We're at with Psalm 101

~ David had recently assumed the role of king of Jerusalem. But the land he inherited was divided...

~ David is once again praying. He is expressing his desire to be a man of integrity. He wants to be a man of righteousness.

~ Warren Wiersbe affectionately calls this psalm "Leadership 101."

> What is Integrity?

~ Most people would say "integrity is what you do when you're alone and no one else is around."

~ The dictionary defines integrity as the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles

~ What the Bible says about integrity = Prov. 10:9; Prov. 11:3; Prov. 13:6; Prov. 28:6

To Walk in Integrity We Must Recognize That...

I. _____ to God is the _____ of Integrity
(Leadership) (Psalm 101:1)

~ In just four verses, there are 6 "I will" statements

"Worshiping the Creator is a precursor to good ethical leadership."

"To sing therefore of mercy (faithful love) and of judgment (justice) is equivalent to declaring in solemn terms that he would be a just and an upright king."

- John Calvin

~ True leaders ground their commitments in God's character... This helps create an environment of divine justice and mercy.

II. Personal Integrity Involves _____ the Ways of _____
Psalm 101:2

~ "I will ponder" ... a fancy way to say I will think of and consider the way that is blameless.... the OT interpretation is to pay attention to.

III. Personal _____ Often Leads to _____ Influence
Psalm 101:3-4

~ In vs. 3-4, David expresses his commitment to live with integrity. To do this, he has to resolve to reject vile and evil things.

> James Montgomery Boice once said "The only way to lead a blameless life is to have a _____ heart."

> The greatest thing you can do as a follower of Christ and as a member of a church is to pray for your pastor's pursuit of holiness.

> **How does all of this work with what we know to be true? <**

~ We know we're all in sin; are we truly blameless?

Q = How can you and I walk in integrity? How did David do it?

A = We look at Jesus!

"What it adds up to is a description of the ideal King, for none of the Kings of Israel were able to live up to this. But as a royal psalm, the description also looks ahead to the ideal King who will reign with righteousness, the promised Messiah."

- Allen Ross

~ You and I were designed and made to live with integrity. But sin tarnished every bit of that in the garden of Eden

~ Long before Jesus came to the earth, David prayed to be like Jesus.

Jesus: the epitome of integrity = Hebrews 11:1-5