

HOW TO BE A PERSON OF INTEGRITY

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I. INTRODUCTION TO FLIP THE SCRIPT

A. Jesus is teaching His followers that life in the Kingdom of God is different than life in the world's kingdom.

B. Life in God's Kingdom is lived from the inside-out.

- Jesus flips the script to focus on inside and not the outside.
- You can be right on the outside, and still be wrong on the inside.

II. HOW TO BE A PERSON OF INTEGRITY

Matthew 5:33 “Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.’”

1. Keep Your Word

Exodus 20:7 “You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.”

Numbers 30:2 When a man makes a vow to the LORD or takes an oath to obligate himself by a pledge, he must not break his word but must do everything he said.

- **Words matter to God.**

Genesis 1:3 And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.

Proverbs 18:21 The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

Numbers 23:19 (NLT) God is not a man, so he does not lie. He is not human, so he does not change his mind. Has he ever spoken and failed to act? Has he ever promised and not carried it through?

Matthew 5:34-36 But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black.

2. Stop Looking for Loopholes

Proverbs 10:9 Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but whoever takes crooked paths will be found out.

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3. Remember Who Is in Charge

- **God is Great**
- **God is Sovereign**

Psalms 19:14 May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Matthew 5:37 All you need to say is simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.

4. Discern The Work of The Evil One

Matthew 6:13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.'

2 Corinthians 2:11 in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.

Ephesians 6:11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

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5. Live a Life of Integrity

James 5:12 Above all, my brothers and sisters, do not swear—not by heaven or by earth or by anything else. All you need to say is a simple "Yes" or "No." Otherwise you will be condemned.

- **Start by being faithful.**

- **Don't try to cover up your mistakes.**
- **Make sure your walk matches your talk.**
- **Do not run from the difficult things.**

III. COMMUNION

1 Corinthians 11:27-29 So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves.

1 Corinthians 11:23-24 For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me."

1 Corinthians 11:25-26 In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.