

# Characters

## Integrity // Week 4 // SWITCHgroup Questions

Who are you when no one else is watching? Reputation is what others think you are; character is who God knows you are. Sadly, more people are concerned about their reputation than their character. Honor, purity, loyalty, integrity, and gratitude are just a few of the forgotten virtues in our culture. This shows up in what we do and say, but also in the “characters” of the messages we send on our computers and cell phones. This series explores how to develop God’s character in you by taking a look at different characters in the Bible.

**Walk Away Point:** Integrity demands sacrifice.

**Leaders:** Choose questions from these suggestions to help your group process, personalize, and take action on this week’s message. Don’t feel like you need to do them all and try not to read from the sheet. **MAKE SURE YOU GET TO THE GROUP CHALLENGE BECAUSE WE’LL USE THOSE “CHARACTERS” TONIGHT!**

### Icebreakers:

1. What comes to mind when you think of integrity?
2. Do you think teenagers, for the most part, have integrity? Why or why not?

### What do I think?

1. If integrity means possessing a high degree of moral character? Who do you know that has the most integrity? Why?
2. Can you relate to David in the video? If so, how?
3. Do you think integrity is a difficult character quality to develop? Why or why not?

### What does God say?

1. Psalms 25:21 says (NIV) *May integrity and uprightness protect me, because my hope is in you.* How do you think integrity can protect someone?
2. Psalms 78:72 says (NIV) *And David shepherded them with integrity of heart; with skillful hands he led them.* How do the heart and hands play a role in integrity?
3. Proverbs 10:9 says (NIV) *The man of integrity walks securely, but he who takes crooked paths will be found out.* What are the risks of walking a crooked path?
4. Why do you think the fruit of the spirit is singular and not plural? (I know, this is for the thinkers 😊)

### What steps will I take?

1. Have you done something lately that violated your integrity? Have you thought about how to make it right? Are you willing to take those steps?
2. What will you have to sacrifice to uphold your integrity? Write those things down as a reminder to yourself to value your integrity.

### Group Challenge:

As a group, come up with a memorable acrostic for the word I.N.T.E.G.R.I.T.Y. or a clever memorable sentence that using the letters in Integrity. Here is an example of an acrostic: Insight; Non-Compromising; Thoughtfulness; Eternal; Gratefulness; Righteousness; Inspiring; Togetherness. Here is an example of a sentence. I Now Think Every Good Relationship Is Trusting Yahweh. I know you can come up with something just as good or better so be creative. Your group’s acrostic and/or sentence will be shared with everyone. Show some integrity and do your best!