



Psalm 15 (NIV)

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Foundation Verse:

*“Lord, who may dwell in your sacred tent? Who may live on your holy mountain? The one whose walk is blameless, who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from their heart; whose tongue utters no slander, who does no wrong to a neighbor, and casts no slur on others; who despises a vile person but honors those who fear the Lord; who keeps an oath even when it hurts, and does not change their mind; who lends money to the poor without interest; who does not accept a bribe against the innocent. Whoever does these things will never be shaken.” - Psalm 15*

“Shaken” defined: move (an object) up and down or from side to side with rapid, forceful, jerky movements.

What does someone who lives a life that is “Shaken” look like?

1. Lack stability (big ups and big downs)
2. Externally driven rather than intrinsically grounded.
3. Tired, weak, drained, lethargic.
4. Anxious. Fearful. Nervous.

The Answers:

- I. Whose walk is blameless and who does what is righteous.
  - A. The Hebrew word here for blameless is **“tamim”** - actually does not imply sinless perfection, but a way of life that is **“whole”** by virtue of **consistent** dedication to the “way of the Lord.”
  - B. *“With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God’s likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be.” - James 3:9-10*
  - C. *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.” - James 1:22*
  - D. *“He is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.” - James 1:8*

E. Question: What part of your life are you not “whole”? Where are you compartmentalizing your Christian walk? Where are you not living out your faith in Christ? The gospel of Jesus Christ should change EVERYTHING about how we do and see life--marriage, parenting, money, sex, politics, worldview, career--everything. It is a faith that is not just to be professed, but to be lived out.

II. Who speaks the truth...and has no slander.

A. *“Everyone lies to their neighbor; they flatter with their lips but harbor deception in their hearts.” - Psalm 12:2*

B. *“You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.” – Exodus 20:16*

C. Any type of lie we tell = a **choice** we make.

III. Who does his neighbor no wrong and casts no slur.

A. ***“Whose tongue utters no slander, who does no wrong to a neighbor, and casts no slur on others.” - Psalm 15:3***

B. The characteristics of integrity and truthfulness will have implications not only for our personal character but also for how we treat others.

IV. Final Characteristics

A. *“Who keeps an oath even when it hurts, and does not change their mind; who lends money to the poor without interest; who does not accept a bribe against the innocent.” - Psalm 15:4b-5a*

B. A person who despises evil; things that do not honor God are not a part of their lives.

C. Someone willing to put others before themselves to ensure that they guard their integrity.

D. Someone who is generous; not charging interest to those who are in need, even when they may have a right to do so (as was the case with foreigners, but not other Israelites).

E. *“...being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” - Philippians 1:6*

F. *“Lord, who may dwell in your sacred tent? Who may live on your holy mountain?” - Psalm 15:1*

So who is the type of person who can face all of life’s ups and downs that will inevitably come, yet remain steadfast? What type of person can face the troubles and evils that we see all around us and stay hopeful? What type of person can receive the diagnosis that they never thought they’d hear and not lose their joy? What type of person can go through these troubles yet remain faithful?

The person who dwells in the presence of God the Father. The person who loves Jesus and walks in step with Holy Spirit. The person whose hope is not in man or this world, but is in Jesus Christ and what He did for us on Calvary.