




ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **No Children's Church this morning**
- **Wednesday night Bible Study – Matthew Chapter 5 – 6:30 –**
- **Wednesday – Class on Intercession – 6:30 – at the church**
- **Sunday morning classes starting in a few weeks – more later**





**Very Nature of
Jesus:**

INTEGRITY

Part 3





INTEGRITY

- **The entire, unimpaired state of anything**
- **true, real, one who cannot lie**
- **consistency: a soundness found only in the gospel**
- **No duplicity**





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- **Matthew 22:16 (NIV84) ¹⁶ They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. “Teacher,” they said, “we know you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren’t swayed by men, because you pay no attention to who they are.**
- **He listened, but He was not influenced by them.**
- **Integrity speaks the same truth to each and every person in each and every situation**
- **No favoritism, no prejudices, no special causes**
- **For us not to be swayed by the world, sin, opinions, or praise, we are to put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, forgiveness, and love**





INTEGRITY: LIFE-LONG TRAIT

Numbers 13:26–14:4 (NIV84) ²⁶ [The spies] came back to Moses and Aaron and the whole Israelite community at Kadesh in the Desert of Paran. There they reported to them and to the whole assembly and showed them the fruit of the land. ²⁷ They gave Moses this account: “We went into the land to which you sent us, and it does flow with milk and honey! Here is its fruit. ²⁸ But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large. We even saw descendants of Anak there.





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²⁹ The Amalekites live in the Negev; the Hittites, Jebusites and Amorites live in the hill country; and the Canaanites live near the sea and along the Jordan.” ³⁰ Then Caleb silenced the people before Moses and said, “We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it.” ³¹ But the men who had gone up with him said, “We can’t attack those people; they are stronger than we are.”





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³² And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored. They said, “The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size.

³³ We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them.” 14 That night all the people of the community raised their voices and wept aloud.





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² All the Israelites grumbled against Moses and Aaron, and the whole assembly said to them, “If only we had died in Egypt! Or in this desert! ³ Why is the Lord bringing us to this land only to let us fall by the sword? Our wives and children will be taken as plunder. Wouldn’t it be better for us to go back to Egypt?” ⁴ And they said to each other, “We should choose a leader and go back to Egypt.”





INTEGRITY: LIFE-LONG TRAIT

- They send out spies – not to see if they can take the land but to see if the land was good or bad
- The spies give an accurate, truthful response
- Remember last week’s message: Integrity is not influenced by people or crowds or majorities
- Instead, integrity takes center stage and speaks the truth as determined by God
- Integrity is not silent when God’s word is being ignored
- He tells another truth: We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it.”





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- Spies continue to speak their opinions instead of faith
- All around us, experts, politicians, celebrities, scientists are expressing their opinions as truth
- We need to be Calebs who ignore the crowds, stand up and declare God's truth, and stay the course
- Notice: ALL the people grumbled and said they would have been better off if they had stayed and died in Egypt. All except four with integrity: Moses, Aaron, Joshua, and Caleb
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Joshua 14:10–13 (NIV84) [Caleb said,] ¹⁰ “Now then, just as the Lord promised, he has kept me alive for forty-five years since the time he said this to Moses, while Israel moved about in the desert. So here I am today, eighty-five years old! ¹¹ I am still as strong today as the day Moses sent me out; I’m just as vigorous to go out to battle now as I was then. ¹² Now give me this hill country that the Lord promised me that day. You yourself heard then that the Anakites were there and their cities were large and fortified, but, the Lord helping me, I will drive them out just as he said.” ¹³ Then Joshua blessed Caleb son of Jephunneh and gave him Hebron as his inheritance.



INTEGRITY: CONSISTENCY

- Integrity is a long-term trait marked by consistency
- Not consistently wrong; Consistent in adhering to the Word of God
- 45 years prior, Caleb said, “We can take this land.”
- 45 years later, when he faced the Anakites and their large, fortified cities, he said, “I will drive them out just as the Lord said.”
- The integrity with which he had boldly contradicted the cowardly advice of the ten spies years before was as strong as ever
- Integrity is marked by a consistent faithfulness in Jesus Christ

INTEGRITY: CONSISTENCY

- **This is our land; this is our fight**
- **The giants seem to be winning**
- **Our government, the press, education, media, entertainment, science, polls seem to be winning in every aspect of life**
- **Integrity does not look at the giants**
- **Integrity remains faithful to Jesus and His Word**
- **Integrity requires patience, faithfulness, uprightness, boldness, commitment, and willingness to lead**





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Or who may stand in His holy place? He who has
clean hands and a pure heart, Who has not lifted
up his soul to an idol, Nor sworn deceitfully.
He shall receive blessing from the LORD,
And righteousness from the God of his salvation.

PSALM 24:3-5

