

“Sincere Integrity”

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“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.”

- Matthew 5: 6

INTEGRITY

“an unimpaired condition; soundness;
the quality or state of being complete or
undivided.”

“The man of integrity walks securely, but he who takes crooked paths will be found out.”

- Proverbs 10: 9 (NIV)

“The integrity of the upright guides them,
but the unfaithful are destroyed by their
duplicity.”

- Proverbs 11:3

Integrity:

1. Straightness
2. Single-mindedness

“Watch out! Don’t do your good deeds publicly, to be admired by others, for you will lose the reward from your Father in heaven.
2 When you give to someone in need, don’t do as the hypocrites do — blowing trumpets in the synagogues and streets to call attention to their acts of charity! I tell you the truth, they have received all the reward they will ever get. ...

...³ “But when you give to someone in need, don’t let your left hand know what your right hand is doing.⁴ Give your gifts in private, and your Father, who sees everything, will reward you.

⁵ “When you pray, don’t be like the hypocrites who love to pray publicly on street corners and in the synagogues where everyone can see them. I tell you the truth, that is all the reward they will ever get.” - Matthew 6: 1-5

“Who are you when no one is looking?”

Test #1: The Audience Test

“Be careful not to do your acts of righteousness to be seen by them.”

- Matthew 6: 1

Test #2: The Secrecy Test

“When the Lord comes, He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of men’s hearts.”

- 1 Corinthians 4: 5

HOW CAN WE FIND SINCERE INTEGRITY?

“Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed and purified.”

- Hebrews 10: 22

³ When I refused to confess my sin,
my body wasted away,
and I groaned all day long.

⁴ Day and night your hand of discipline was heavy on
me.

My strength evaporated like water in the summer
heat.

⁵ Finally, I confessed all my sins to you
and stopped trying to hide my guilt.

I said to myself, "I will confess my rebellion to the Lord."

And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone.

- Psalm 32: 3-5 (NLT)