

Teen Topics

Integrity

The Issue:

Integrity refers to a willingness to do what is right in any situation. A person of integrity does not do what is right for the purpose of impressing people or avoiding trouble, but rather, they do right simply because it is the honorable thing to do. Integrity is an issue of character that demonstrates our faith is real and our desire to obey God is genuine. Let's see what Scriptures has to say about the topic of integrity.

What does the Bible say?

Note what these verses say about the importance of integrity:

- > **Prov. 5:21** – God sees all we do, even things done in secret.
- > **Prov. 21:3** – Doing right pleases God more than sacrifices.
- > **Luke 16:10** – Integrity in small things = integrity in big things.

Note what these verses say about the benefits of integrity:

- > **Prov. 11:3** – It will guide you and keep you on a good path.
- > **Titus 2:7-8** – People won't have bad things to say about you.
- > **Psalm 18:20; Matt. 6:4**– God rewards your acts of integrity.

What should I do?

Integrity is a choice. It is a choice to be truthful, even if it means you may get in trouble. It is a choice not to cheat on a test, even when no one is watching. It is a choice not to watch an inappropriate video, even if people around you think it is no big deal. As we do what God wants of us at all times, in all circumstances, and at all costs, we will become people of integrity. Acts of integrity are what God has "required of us" (**Micah 6:8**), and it is through such acts that we demonstrate true Christian maturity. May our faith be proven to be genuine as we live lives of integrity!