



# Personal Ethics & Integrity

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## Objectives:

- Integrity & Its Impact
- Integrity & American Society
- Integrity & Your Heart
- Integrity With God

Part 2: Integrity & Hypocrisy  
Part 3: Building & Benefits of Integrity

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## Integrity & Its Impact

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## Definitions:

<b>integrity</b>		honest, strong morals
<b>ethics</b>		moral principles that govern behavior
<b>honesty</b>		sincere, free of deceit
<b>motive</b>		reason for action, especially one that is not obvious

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Ethics is what you do when you are in the dark.

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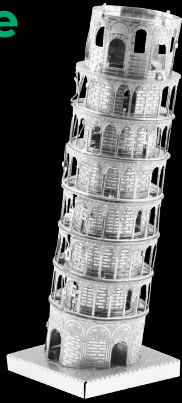
## Rationale

- Eventually, our internal contents will be revealed:
  - Personal life
  - Career
  - In God's kingdom

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## Rationale

- Eventually, the quality of our invisible foundation of integrity will affect the visible in life



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You can't change the fact you will be influenced, but you can choose your influences.

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## INFLUENCE GATES



For as he thinketh in his heart, so [is] he...  
Proverbs 23:7

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## Proverbs 22:1

A good **name** is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold.

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## Ecclesiastes 10:1

Dead flies cause the ointment of the apothecary to send forth a stinking savour: so doth a **little folly** him that is in reputation for wisdom and honour.

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## INTEGRITY

**IS**

wholeness  
emanation  
self-control  
requisite  
lasting

**ISN'T**

hypocrisy  
affectation  
crowd-control  
convenient  
trending

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Men of genius are admired.  
 Men of wealth are envied.  
 Men of power are feared,  
 But only men of character  
 are trusted.

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## Integrity & American Society

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What do ethics mean to you?

"doing what the **LAW** requires"

"what my **FEELINGS** tell  
 me is right or wrong"

"my religious **BELIEFS**"

"standards of behavior  
**SOCKET** accepts"

Study of Business people by  
 Sociologist Raymond Baumhart

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There is degree of cynicism  
 and sophistication in our  
 society, a sense that all things  
 are relative and that nothing is  
 absolutely right or wrong.

Jody Powell

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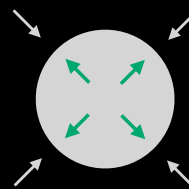
## Moral Decline in public schools

**1940**  
 gum chewing  
 talking  
 making noises  
 running  
 dressing improperly  
 littering

**1986**  
**ROBBERY**  
**RAPE**  
**VANDALISM**  
**ASSAULT ARSON**  
**BURGLARY**  
**DRUGS MURDER**  
**BOMBINGS**  
**SUICIDE ALCOHOL**  
**GANG WARFARE**  
**PREGNANCY**  
**ABORTION**

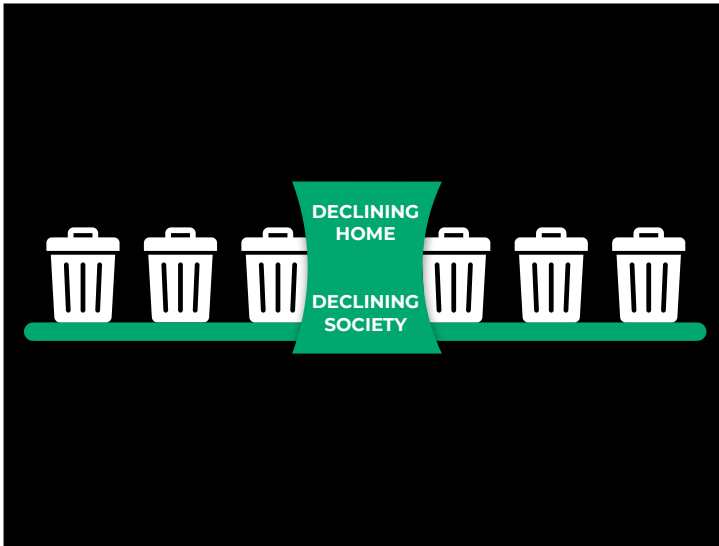
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## Rationale



- Internal strength < external pressure = implosion
- Internal must balance external pressure

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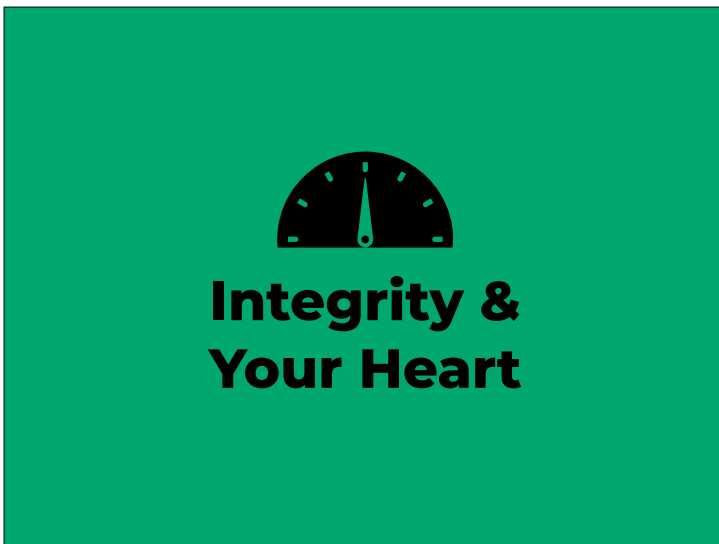
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We have grasped the atom and rejected the Sermon on the Mount. The world has achieved brilliance without wisdom; power without conscience. Ours is a world of nuclear giants and ethical infants.

*Jody Powell*

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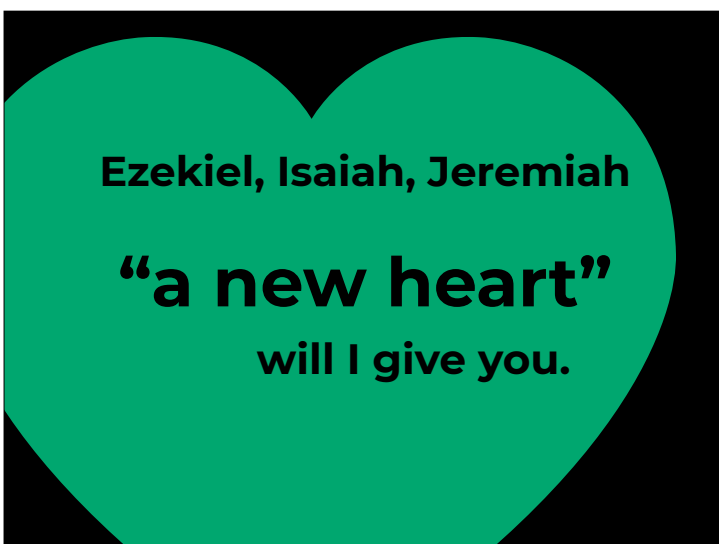


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### Jeremiah 17:9

The heart is **deceitful** above all things, and **desperately wicked**: who can know it?

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### Proverbs 4:23

**Keep** thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

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## Matthew 15:18-19

18 But those things which proceed out of the **mouth** come forth from the **heart**; and they **defile** the man. 19 For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:

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## Integrity With God

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## Integrity WITH GOD

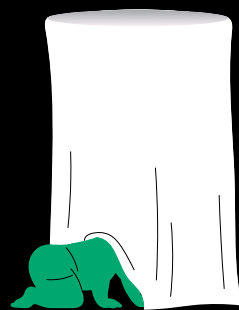
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- 2 continually

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## Hide & Seek



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## Jeremiah 23:24

Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD.

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## Isaiah 29:15

Woe unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from the LORD, and their works are in the dark, and they say, Who seeth us? and who knoweth us?

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Inspect to make sure you get what you expect.

Zig Ziglar

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## Psalms 139:23-24

23 **Search** me, O God, and know my heart: **try** me, and know my thoughts: 24 And see if *there be any* wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

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## 2 Corinthians 13:5

Put yourselves to the test to see if you are in the faith; **examine yourselves!** Or do you not recognize regarding yourselves that Jesus Christ is in you - unless, indeed, you fail the test!

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## 1 Timothy 1:5

Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith **unfeigned:**

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There is no pillow as soft as a clear conscience.

John Wooden

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## Suggested Reading

Article:  
Personal Ethics vs Professional  
Ethics, Maj Gen Jerry E. White,  
USAFR

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## Questions?

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## Weekly Goal Setting

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## Quiz



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## Matthew 5:16

Let your light so shine  
before men, that they may  
**see** your **good works**, and  
**glorify** your Father which  
is in heaven.

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**Salvation**  
— to —  
**Transformation**

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## Romans 12:2

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye **transformed** by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what [is] that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

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## What Shapes OUR LIVES?



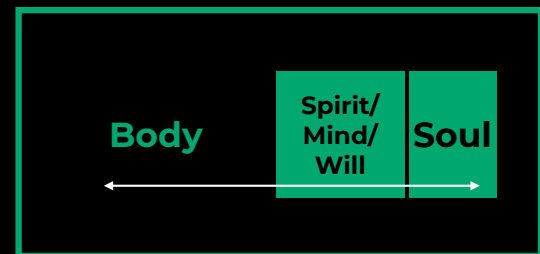
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## Ephesians 4:17, 23, 30 (ESV)

17 Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds.  
23 and to be **renewed** in the **spirit of your minds**,  
30 And do not grieve the **Holy Spirit** of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

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## Transforming the Tabernacle



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Transformation  
to  
Revelation



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## Hebrews 4:12

12 For the word of God [is] quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and [is] a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

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# Revelation to Separation



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## Ephesians 2:1-4, 10

1 And you [hath he quickened], who were dead in trespasses and sins; 2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: 3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

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## Ephesians 2:1-4, 10

4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, ... 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus **unto good works**, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

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## 1 Corinthians 15:33-34

33 Be not deceived: **evil communications corrupt good manners**. 34 Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak [this] to your shame.

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## 2 Corinthians 6

- No unequal yoke/relationship
- No fellowship with unbelievers
- No communion light with dark
- No concord Christ with Belial
- No part with infidels
- No agreement of temple & idols

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## 2 Corinthians 7:1

1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us **cleanse** ourselves from all **filthiness** of the flesh and spirit, **perfecting holiness** in the fear of God.

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# Pharisees to Hypocrisy



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## Pharisees

- External Perfection
- Without:
  - Internal purity
  - Mercy

## Jesus

- Process
- New Heart for:
  - Internal purity
  - Mercy

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## Jesus on Pharisees

(Matthew 22)



They say and do not do



They acted pious, but put others down



They work to be seen



Tithed, but forgot mercy, faith, justice



They love to be respected



Beautiful on outside, evil inside

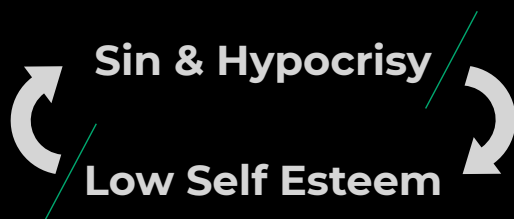
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## Break the Cycle

repent & humble



change sources  
(from others and you, to God)

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Man must first be true to himself or he will be false to all the world... The greatest dominion is over self... The world needs men and women led by the light of truth alone, and as powerless to suppress their highest convictions as Vesuvius to restrain its living fire.

*William George Jordan, Crown of Individuality, 1909*

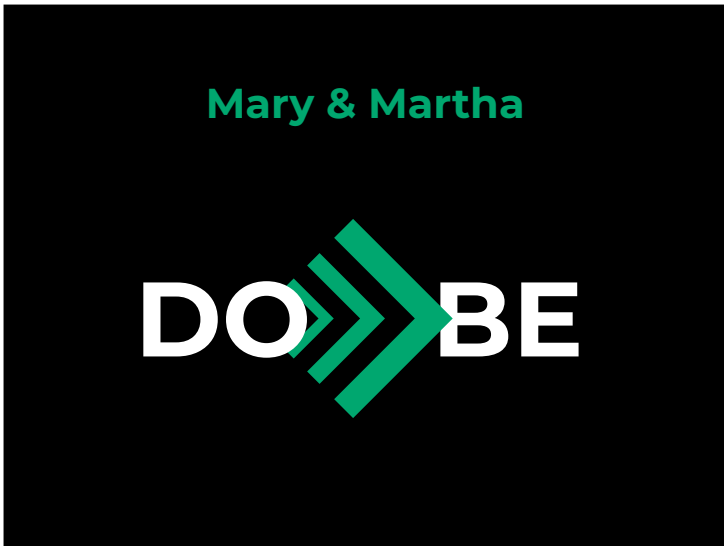
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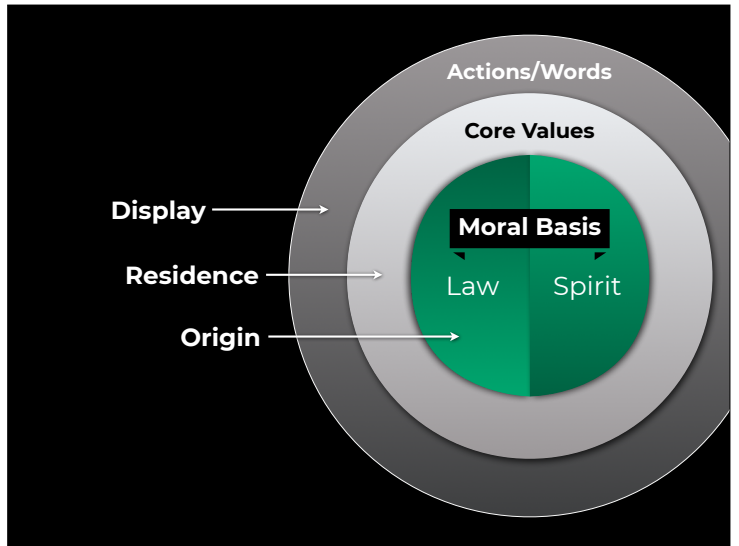
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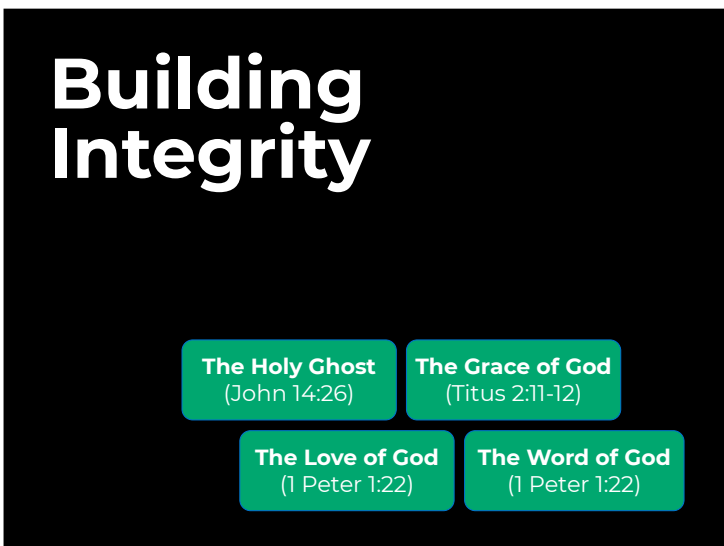
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## Hebrews 5:14 (NET)

But solid food is for the **mature**, whose perceptions are trained by **practice** to discern both good and evil.

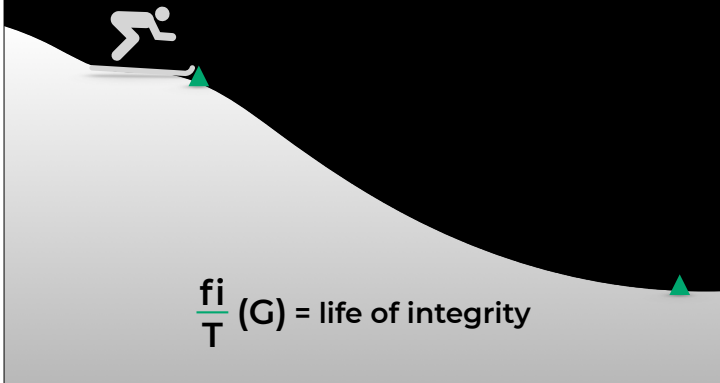
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## Proverbs 11:3

3 The integrity of the upright shall **guide** them: but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them.

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## Momentum



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## Myth:

My integrity only matters to me.

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## Truth:

You are a model for someone.

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## Lacking Integrity Could Kill You



Achan



Ananias & Sapphira



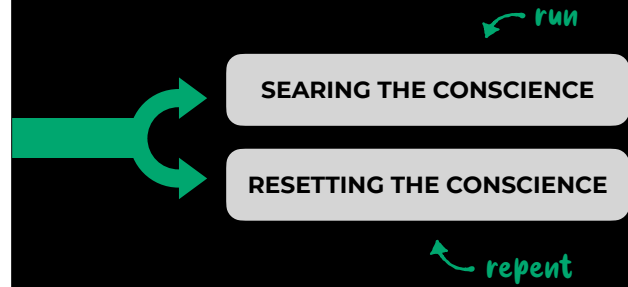
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## Psalm 11:3

If the **foundations** be destroyed, what can the righteous do?

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## Resolving Dissonance



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## Can You Rebuild?



commit.



effort



time

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## Romans 5:20

...But where sin **abounded**, grace did **much more abound**:

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## Protecting Integrity



get away.



build a wall.

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## 1 Corinthians 10:13

13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God [is] faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a **way to escape**, that ye may be able to **bear** [it].

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## Job 2:3

And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he **holdeth fast his integrity**, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause.”

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## Job 27:5

Till I die I will not remove mine **integrity** from me.

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## You're growing a garden in your mind.



*Negative Thoughts*

*Positive Thoughts*

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We are made or unmade by ourselves. By our thoughts, we forge the weapons by which we can destroy ourselves...By...choice and...thought we ascend to the Divine Perfection [or] descend below the level of the beast...Between these two extremes are all the grades of character.

*James Allen, As A Man Thinketh, 1903*

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## Why go through the effort?

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**Protector | Insurance | Generational Blessing**



## Why go through the effort?

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## Psalm 37:25

I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

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## Psalm 41:12 (NET)

As for me, you **uphold** me because of my integrity; you allow me permanent access to your presence.

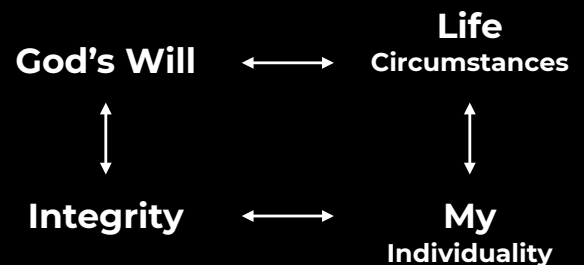
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## Psalms 26:1

Judge me, O LORD; for I have walked in mine integrity: I have trusted also in the LORD; **therefore** I shall not slide.

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## Connected?



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Honesty is the cornerstone of character.

*B.C. Forbes*

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