

The Truth Files

Goodness in a World of Façades

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"The Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!"

Galatians 5:22-23 NLT

Genesis 1:31 (NLT) – "Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good!"

Acts 10:38 (NLT) – "Jesus went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."

Proverbs 11:3 (NIV) – "The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity."

Romans 12:9 (NLT) – "Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good."

INTEGRITY IS TAKING THE _____ ROOTED IN GOD'S TRUTH, _____ THEM WITH MY MIND, ALLOWING THE HOLY SPIRIT TO _____ THEM IN MY HEART, AND INTEGRATING THEM INTO MY _____.

Benefits of Integrity in Relationships:

1. _____ - Less fear.

Proverbs 2:7-8 (NLT) – "He is a shield to those who walk with integrity. He guards the paths of the just and protects those who are faithful to him."

2. _____ - Greater confidence.

Proverbs 10:9 (NLT) – "People with integrity walk safely, but those who follow crooked paths will be exposed."

3. _____ - Better decisions.

Proverbs 11:3 (GW) – "Integrity guides decent people, but hypocrisy leads treacherous people to ruin."

Practicing Integrity

1. _____ honestly.

Ephesians 4:15 (GW) – "As we lovingly speak the truth, we will grow up completely in our relationship to Christ,"

Proverbs 20:7 (TLB) – "It is a wonderful heritage to have an honest father."

2. _____ regularly.

James 5:16 (TLB) – "Admit your faults to one another and pray for each other so that you may be healed."

1 John 1:9 (GW) – "God is faithful and reliable. If we confess our sins, he forgives them and cleanses us from everything we've done wrong."

3. _____ consistently.

i. Consistency between _____

Matthew 6:1 (TLB) – "Take care! Don't do your good deeds publicly, to be admired..."

ii. Consistency in _____

Hebrews 12:11 (GW) – "We don't enjoy being disciplined. It always seems to cause more pain than joy. But later on, those who learn from that discipline have peace that comes from doing what is right."

iii. Consistency between _____

1 Samuel 16:7 (NLT) – "The LORD doesn't see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

4. _____ openly.

Isaiah 45:19 (TLB) – "I publicly proclaim bold promises; I do not whisper obscurities in some dark corner so that no one can know what I mean."

Romans 10:10 (NLT) – "For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved."

"I will lead a life of integrity in my own home."

Psalm 101:2 (NLT)

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