

BCC Bible Study Notes
From the series: Livin' the Life
"The Value of Integrity"
November 4, 2018

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"Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." Matthew 5:8

To be "pure in heart" is to have _____.

WHAT ARE THE BLESSING OF INTEGRITY?

- You live with _____. (Psalm 10:9)
- You leave a _____. (Proverbs 20:7)
- You receive _____. (Matthew 25:21)

HOW CAN YOU DEVELOP INTEGRITY?

1. By keeping your _____. (Proverbs 25:14)
2. By managing God's _____ God's way. (Ps. 37:21, Rom. 13:6-7, Malachi 3:8-10)
3. By refusing to _____. (Proverbs 11:13)
4. By working _____ at what God has called you to do. (Colossians 3:23)
5. By being _____ with others. (2 Corinthians 4:2)

BCC Verse of the Week: *"How can I keep my way pure? By living according to your Word." Psalms 119:9 NIV*

NOTE: Adapted from an outline by Pastor Rick Warren at Saddleback Church

BBCC Devotional Guide for November 4 to 10, 2018

Sunday: Jesus said, *“Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.”* Matthew 5:8. A word that describes what it means to be “pure in heart” is integrity. Having integrity doesn’t mean that you are perfect and never sin. It does mean that you are honest with yourself and others. It means that you want to do the right thing for the right reason. It means that your words match your actions. It means that you want to become the person God created you to be. Ask God today to help you become a person of integrity through a close connection with Jesus.

Monday: One of the blessings of integrity is that it brings stability to our lives. *“People with integrity have a firm footing, but those who follow crooked paths will slip and fall.”* Proverbs 10:9 NLT. There are so many things in life that can trip us up and cause us to fall. But when you live with integrity it helps you see God’s purpose and plan for your life more clearly. Ask God to help you seek His purpose for your life as you trust him to help you develop integrity.

Tuesday: Another blessing of integrity is that we leave a legacy. *“A righteous person lives on the basis of his integrity. Blessed are his children after he is gone.”* Proverbs 20:7 GW. The choices you make not only affect you, they affect the people who are closest to you as well, especially your family. Ask God to help you live with integrity and leave a legacy of faith and obedience.

Wednesday: One very important way to develop integrity is to keep your promises. *“People who promise things they never give are like clouds and wind that bring no rain.”* Proverbs 25:14 TEV. God always keeps his promises to us and He wants us to keep our promises to Him and to each other. What promises do you need to keep today? Ask God to help you become a more consistent promise keeper.

Thursday: Another area in which we need to develop integrity is with our finances. God wants us to pay what we owe to others: *“The wicked man borrows and never pays back.”* Psalm 37:21 TEV. God is also clear about the issue of tithing, that is giving 10% of our income to God (Malachi 3:8-10). God invites us to put Him to the test when it comes to tithing and to see how He will respond to our faith and obedience. Ask God to help you develop integrity in the way you handle the money He has entrusted to you.

Friday: One of the ways that we develop integrity is by working hard at what God has called us to do. *“Work hard and cheerfully at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.”* Colossians 3:23 NLT. When you are a Christian, your boss isn’t really your boss—your real boss is God. He watches how you work all the time and what you do when no one else is watching is a test of your integrity. Ask God to help you develop integrity by working hard and being faithful with the work He has provided for you to do.

Saturday: The Sermon on the Mount is about who you are and who you can become when you embrace Jesus as your King. We don’t develop integrity by simply trying harder. We develop integrity by allowing Jesus to rule in our hearts. We develop integrity by depending on Jesus to give us the desire and ability to change. Ask God

today to help you develop integrity as you live according to His Word. *“How can I keep my way pure? By living according to your Word.” Psalms 119:9 NIV*

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