



# A Matter of Integrity

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<sup>1</sup> Who may worship in your sanctuary, LORD? Who may enter your presence on your holy hill? <sup>2</sup> Those who lead blameless lives and do what is right, speaking the truth from sincere hearts. <sup>3</sup> Those who refuse to gossip or harm their neighbors or speak evil of their friends. <sup>4</sup> Those who despise flagrant sinners, and honor the faithful followers of the LORD, and keep their promises even when it hurts. <sup>5</sup> Those who lend money without charging interest, and who cannot be bribed to lie about the innocent. Such people will stand firm forever.

**Psalm 15 NLT**

## 1. What is integrity?

- Integrity is not: perfection
- Reputation is who others think you are
- Integrity is when you are whole
- Integrity is when your behavior matches your beliefs

<sup>25</sup> "What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are so careful to clean the outside of the cup and the dish, but inside you are filthy—full of greed and self-indulgence! <sup>26</sup> You blind Pharisee! First wash the inside of the cup and the dish, and then the outside will become clean, too.

**Matthew 23:25-26 NLT**

## 2. Pursuing the virtue of integrity

- Pursue holy living
- Consider our words and promises carefully
- Reconcile our living with our faith

<sup>23</sup> Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. <sup>24</sup> Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.

**Psalm 139:23-24 NLT**

### Next Steps:

- Pursue God in all areas of my life so that he can show me and lead me to reconciled living
- Pray King David's prayer (Psalm 139:23-24) in my daily prayer times this week
- Choose my words carefully so that I can have integrity in my commitments and promises
- Attend the rest of this series (or watch on our Youtube channel)
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