

Section A: What's the difference?

1. What's the difference (between the following pairs)?

a. What I say is true ← vs → What I do is true

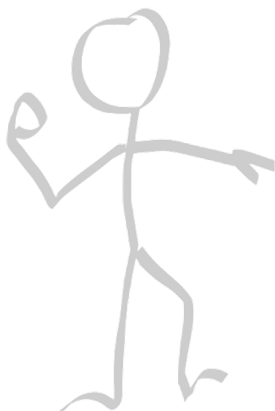
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b. I do what I say ← vs → I do what I believe / value

c. honesty ← vs → integrity

Section B: What is integrity?

2. When someone is described as “a man of integrity”, what does that mean?
What is “integrity”?



3. Critique the following definitions of “integrity”

- a. Christian integrity means *“To live my life by godly standards, godly principles and godly values, no matter ▪ where I am, ▪ who I am with or ▪ what my circumstances may be.”*

- b. *“We can live with integrity ▪ by speaking the truth, ▪ by living in line with Scripture, and ▪ by keeping a blameless conscience before God and men.”*

- c. The word *“integrity”* comes from the same Latin root as *“integer”* and implies a wholeness of person ... a whole person who is undivided ... not divided (different) ▪ between what is inside and what is outside, ▪ between belief and behavior, ▪ our words and our ways, ▪ our attitudes and our actions, ▪ our values and our practice.

4. Surface a definition of “integrity” based on the following Scriptures (NIV)

Matt. 22:16 They (*the Pharisees*) sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. “Teacher,” they said, “we know that you are *a man of integrity* and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren’t swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are.

Titus 2:7 In everything set them an example by doing what is good. *In your teaching show integrity, seriousness* ⁸ and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us.

Prov. 11:3 *The integrity of the upright* guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity.

Prov. 13:6 *Righteousness guards the person of integrity,* but wickedness overthrows the sinner.

Your definition of “integrity” _____

Section C: Sharpening your understanding of integrity

5. *One is said to have integrity to the extent that everything that he/she does is based on the same set of beliefs and values. Is it possible to do what is true to one's values and be unrighteous at the same time?* Explain your answer.

Walk = Beliefs / Values

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6. *Integrity has also been defined as "TRUE TO YOURSELF". Is it possible to do what is true to one's self and be wrong and/or be hurtful to others?* Explain your answer. Walk = Identity

7. *To be true to yourself requires you to know who you are. Christian integrity is a choice you make to be authentic (real) ... be true to yourself as a child of God.*

According to Eph. 5:1-2, we are to make God our example and imitate Him. When we act according to our identity and nature as children of God, we will imitate Him. Jesus is our example. As He has loved us and given Himself for us, we are to display the same kind of sacrificial love to others. Living out your identity as a child of God then becomes the standard of all that you think, say or do.

- a. What are your thoughts on the above? Do you agree or disagree? Why?
 - b. To what extent does your identity as a child of God influence your decision making? Little / Much / Have not considered it
 - c. Give a life example where your commitment to reflect your identity as a child of God helped / would have helped you to make a right decision
8. What are some consequences of living a life of integrity?
Can integrity bring about negative consequences? If yes, explain.
9. Integrity will not develop by chance and it will not happen overnight but you have to begin somewhere.
- a. Will you now make the commitment to live out your identity as a child of God? Yes / No / Maybe / Don't know
 - b. List some SPECIFIC STEPS you can take in ONE AREA to reflect your identity as a child of God.