

## From Image to Integrity

Series: From Broken to Blessed

[A Study of the Beatitudes – Matthew 5:1-12]

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

*I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eyes see you. Job 42:5*

### Integrity is:

Wholeness.

Authenticity.

Unmixed Motivation.

### Benefits of being a person of integrity:

#### 1. Personal confidence.

*'People with integrity have a firm footing, but those who follow crooked paths will slip and fall.' Proverbs 10:9, NLT*

#### 2. A lasting legacy.

*A righteous person lives on the basis of his integrity. Blessed are his children after he is gone. Proverbs 20:7, GW*

#### 3. Rewards in eternity.

*Well done! You are a good and trusted servant! Because you were faithful with small things, I'll now put you in charge of much greater things. Come and share your Master's happiness! Matthew 25:21, NCV*

### How do I become a person of integrity?

#### Read Psalm 15

#### 1. By keeping my promises.

This is personal integrity.

*People who promise things they never give are like clouds and wind that bring no rain. Proverbs 25:14, TEV*

*They always do what they promise, no matter how much it may cost. Psalm 15:4, GNT*

#### 2. By paying my bills.

This is financial integrity.

*The wicked man borrows and never pays back. Psalm 37:21  
... the authorities are working for God ... Pay what you owe them;  
pay your personal and property taxes ... Romans 13:6-7, TEV*

#### 3. By refusing to gossip.

This is relational integrity.

*A gossip can't be trusted with a secret, but someone of integrity won't violate a confidence. Proverbs 11:13, The Message  
Anyone who spreads gossip is a fool. Proverbs 10:18, TEV*

#### 4. By faithfully tithing.

This is spiritual integrity.

*Is it right for a person to cheat God? Of course not! Yet you are robbing me, says the Lord. 'How?' you ask. By withholding your full tithe and offerings ... Bring to me the full amount of your tithe to my House. Put me to the test and you'll see that I will open the windows of heaven and pour out so much blessing on you that you won't have enough room to receive it all! Malachi 3:8, 10, TEV*

#### 5. By doing my best at work.

This is business integrity.

*Slack habits and sloppy work are as bad as vandalism.  
Proverbs 18:9, The Message*

*Don't work hard only when your master is watching and then shirk when he isn't looking! Work hard and with gladness all the time, as though working for Christ, doing the will of God with all your heart. Eph. 6:6, LB*

#### 6. By being real with others.

*We refuse to wear masks and play games. We don't maneuver and manipulate behind the scenes. And we don't twist God's Word to suit ourselves. Rather we keep everything we do and say out in the open.  
2 Corinthians 4:2, The Message*

How do you keep it real? Care more about God's approval than the approval of people.

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