

Does Integrity Always Win?

Protecting our lifeline for eternity

Proverbs 20:27-29

What is Integrity?

- the **quality** of being **honest** and having **strong moral principles** that you **refuse to change**
- 1. adherence to **moral and ethical principles**; **soundness** of moral **character**; **honesty**.
- 2. the **state of being whole, entire, or undiminished**: *to preserve the integrity of the empire.*
- 3. a **sound, unimpaired, or perfect condition**:

What does Integrity Encompass?

- Oneness with the heart of God in all spheres of life
 - spirit, soul, body
- - **relationships** with man
- - finance & resources
- - time
- - character
- - **stewardship** (of company, environment, staff, product, technology, etc)

Realms of Winning

- Self
- Other party
- Others
- God's Kingdom

Time frames of Winning

- Now
 - Later (Job, David, Joseph)
 - Eternity
- } **Rewards**
- } **Fruits**

What constitutes a Win?

External

- Reward?
- Prosperity ?
- Promotion/advancement?
- Recognition/honour?

Internal

- Knowledge
- Character
- Soul's peace of mind

What does Integrity do to us?

- **Proverbs 20:27-29 (NASB)**

- ²⁷ The **spirit** of man is the **lamp of the LORD**, *(DISCERNMENT)*
Searching all the **innermost parts** of his being.

- ²⁸ **Loyalty and truth preserve the king**, *(SECURITY)*

- And he **upholds his throne by righteousness**. *(AUTHORITY)*

- ²⁹ The glory of young men is their **strength**, *(Dangerous without truth)*

- And the **honor** of old men is their gray hair. *(A lie without truth)*

What does Integrity do to us?

The spirit is the best judge on the right thing to do!

- John 4:24
God is **spirit, and** those who worship Him must worship in **spirit and truth.**”
- Truth one of the conduits of worship!
- A compromise of integrity or truth compromises our relationship with God!

Integrity builds God's Throne

Psalm 89:14

- **Righteousness and justice** are the **foundation of Your throne**;
Lovingkindness and truth go before You.
- Speaking the truth in love, living out integrity with gentleness, without arrogance

We Win when His Kingdom Wins

Matthew 6:33 (NASB)

- ³³ But **seek first His kingdom** (*basileia – rule*) and His **righteousness**, and **all these things** will be **added to you**.
- God's Kingdom is a rule of love and blessedness, fruitfulness, peace and joy

Lasting Win with Integrity

- Proverbs 8:18-21 (NASB)
- 18 “**Riches and honor** are with me,
Enduring wealth and **righteousness**.
- 19 “My **fruit is better than gold**, even pure gold,
And my yield *better* than choicest silver.
- 20 “I walk in the **way of righteousness**,
In the midst of the **paths of justice**,
- 21 To **endow** those who love me **with wealth**,
That I may **fill their treasuries**

How does Integrity work for the Kingdom? – transformation capacity

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- For yeast to work properly, it has to be pure, unadulterated
- Impure yeast and its biological contaminants can multiply very quickly to spoil the yeast and the intended product

Integrity and God's Reward

- 2 Samuel 22:21
- “The LORD has dealt with me according to my righteousness; according to the **cleanness of my hands he has rewarded me.**”

Integrity in Corporate Results Reporting

- My Indonesian Friend's Experience

- Insurance company reporting opposite of actual results
- Friend raise alarm to immediate superior
- Passed internal audit
- Pressed issue – feared loss of job or stagnation
- Came clean with public
- 3 years later, company gained market share
- Friend given more responsibilities

Integrity in Corporate Results Reporting

- My Own Experience

- United Nations Development Programme pitch – transparency reporting for Ministry of Law and Human Rights, Jakarta
- Vietnam project for Cogeneration

What if you have negative experiences - after standing for Integrity?

- **Psalm 145:17-19 (NIV)**
- ¹⁷ The LORD is righteous in all his ways
and faithful in all he does.
- ¹⁸ **The LORD is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth**
- ¹⁹ He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;
he hears their cry and saves them

God stands valiantly for Truth, Humility & Justice

- **Psalm 45:3-5 (NIV)**
- ³ Gird your sword on your side, you mighty one;
clothe yourself with splendor and majesty.
- ⁴ **In your majesty ride forth victoriously
in the cause of truth, humility and justice;**
let your right hand achieve awesome deeds.
- ⁵ Let your sharp arrows pierce the hearts of the
king's enemies;
let the nations fall beneath your feet.

- No place for arrogant integrity
- TAKE COURAGE!
- Walk on in Integrity!