INTEGRITY

INTEGRITY is “the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles; moral uprightness 2 the state of being whole and undivided: • the condition of being unified, unimpaired, or sound in construction.”

There should never be a question when comes to integrity with a Christian. There was a time when a man’s word was his bond. No contracts, no penalties, no fine print was needed. If a person gave his word, and that was particularly true of a Christian, you could bank on it. I overheard a conversation one time when a couple of men were talking to a banker and one of the men was recommending the other to the bank. He said, “If he tells you it’s Christmas its time to hang up your stocking.” It was just another way of saying he was honest and dependable.

Integrity and morals is what keeps a person on the right track when no one is watching. Of course, in this day one wonders if there is ever that time.

Paul said, “Wherefore, putting away falsehood, speak ye truth each one with his neighbor: for we are members one of another.” (Eph. 4:25) Falsehood, half truths, exaggeration and such things are so common they have found their way into the lives of Christians. The American past time used to be baseball, one wonders now if it is not lying.

It is difficult to deal with life when all you get is lies. Most people would not call them lies, they are mistakes, misinformation, etc. I recently had some business to do with a large corporation. In three phone calls I receive three completely different stories.

For the Christian integrity is a must.

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