

FAST Lesson 1F: Real Men Don't Just Go Along With the World – A New Integrity

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- I. An engineer assigns the characteristics to “integrity”: true to its design, something that serves its purpose, that which is safe and reliable.
- II. Integrity must be tested in good times and bad times to determine if it is real.
- III. Integrity in a man is the quality of possessing and steadfastly adhering to high moral principles, even when it is difficult and especially when we have opposition to our morality as believers in Jesus.
- IV. Think of those people you know who exemplify integrity. What actions in their life have demonstrated this quality?
- V. Many men don't do the right thing because it is easier to go along with the world rather than saying “no” and taking a stand for what is right.
- VI. Men who take a stand and remain faithful are a blessing to their family and friends. Others look up to them because they operate on ethics instead of impulses.
- VII. Men who do not have the wisdom and courage to live with integrity harm both themselves and their families. The bottom line is that God delights in those who keep their promises, in men with integrity.

“The man of integrity walks securely, but he who takes crooked paths will be found out.”
(Proverbs 10:9)

“The plans of the righteous are just, but the advice of the wicked is deceitful. The words of the wicked lie in wait for blood, but the speech of the upright rescues them. Wicked men are overthrown and are no more, but **the house of the righteous stands firm.** A man is praised according to his wisdom, but men with warped minds are despised.” (Proverbs 12:5-8)

“Better a poor man whose walk is blameless than a fool whose lips are perverse.”
(Proverbs 19:1)

“Then the LORD said to Satan, ‘Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil. **And he still maintains his integrity, though you incited me against him to ruin him without any reason.**” (Job 2:3)

“Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you **stand firm in one spirit, contending as one man for the faith** of the gospel without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God.” (Philippians 1:27-28)

“The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity.” (Proverbs 11:3)