

GOD BLESSES A HEART OF INTEGRITY

The Keys to a Blessed Life (8 Beatitudes) – Part 6

1 Samuel 16:7 (NIV) “Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

Matthew 5:8 (NLT) “God blesses those whose hearts are pure, for they will see God.”

What is integrity?

a. _____ b. _____ c. _____

Proverbs 3:32 “The Lord hates people with twisted hearts, but he delights in those who have integrity.”

BLESSINGS BROUGHT BY INTEGRITY

4. _____

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

Proverbs 11:3 (Mes) “The integrity of the honest keeps them on track.”

5. _____

Proverbs 20:7 (GW) “A righteous person lives on the basis of his integrity. Blessed _____ are his children after he is gone.”

Job 8:5-7 (NLT) “If you pray to God and seek the favor of the Almighty, if you are pure and live with complete integrity, God will rise up and restore your happy home. And though you started with little, you will end with much.”

6. _____

Matthew 25:21 (NCV) (God will say) “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!”

Psalms 15:1-5 (NIV/GW/TEV) “Lord, who may stay in your sanctuary and live on your holy mountain? The one who **WALKS WITH INTEGRITY** - he speaks the truth from his heart. He refuses to slander others with his tongue, won’t listen to gossip, and will not cast a slur on his fellowman . . . (instead) he honors those who fear the Lord, and keeps his promises even when it hurts. He lends his money freely without charging interest and cannot be bribed by money. Whoever does these things will never be shaken!”

SIX WAYS TO DEVELOP INTEGRITY

1. By keeping _____.

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

Psalms 15:4 "God blesses the one who walks with integrity... who keeps his promises even when it hurts."

2. By paying _____.

Psalms 37:21 (TEV) "The wicked man borrows and never pays back . . ."

Romans 13:6-7 (TEV) ". . . the authorities are working for God . . . Pay what you owe them; pay your personal and property taxes . . ."

3. By refusing _____.

Proverbs 11:13 (Mes) "A gossip can't be trusted with a secret, but someone of integrity won't violate a confidence."

Proverbs 10:18 "Anyone who spreads gossip is a fool."

4. By faithfully _____.

Malachi 3:8-10 (TEV) "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!"

5. By doing your _____.

Proverbs 18:9 "Slack habits and sloppy work are as bad as vandalism."

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

Colossians 3:22 "Don't just do the minimum that will get you by. Do your best."

Colossians 3:23 (NLT) "Work hard and cheerfully at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people."

6. By being _____.

2 Corinthians 4:2 (Mes) "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 . . ."

Psalms 119:9 (NIV) "How can I keep my way pure? By living according to your Word."