

THE SECRET OF INTEGRITY

Introduction: Galatians 5: _____ of the Spirit.

- Love, joy, peace, patience, integrity, kindness, self-control, greatness
- Definition: Integrity is integrate _____ values into _____ actions.

Proverbs 28:6 (NIV) "Better is the poor who walks in his integrity, than he who is crooked though he be rich."

1 Chronicles 29: 17 (NIV) "I know, my God, that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity."

- The struggle called: "The _____ gap."

Romans 7:18-19 (NIV) "For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For what I do is not the good that I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do – this I keep on doing."

THREE BENEFITS OF INTEGRITY FOR RELATIONSHIP

1. **P** _____ (less fear)

Psalms 25:21 (NIV) "May integrity and uprightness protect one because my hope is in You."

2. **S** _____ (greater confidence)

Proverbs 10:9 "The man of integrity walks securely."

3. **G** _____ (better decisions)

Proverbs 11:3 (NIV) "The integrity of the upright guides them."

TWO WAYS TO PRACTICE INTEGRITY AT HOME

1. **S** _____ honestly

Ephesians 4:15 (TEV) "Speak the truth in the spirit of love".

- "In a spirit of love" removes feeling _____.

Proverbs 20:7 "It is wonderful heritage to have an honest father."

- _____ of American say that they lie!

Ecclesiastes 10:8 (LB) "There is a risk in each stroke of your axe!"

- Word picture: there is risk in _____ things.

2. **C** _____ REGULARLY

James 5:16 (LB) "Admit your faults to one another and pray for each other..."

- The Gospel of _____.

1 John 1:9 (LB) "But if we confess our sins to Him, He can be depended on to forgive us, and to cleanse us, from every wrong."

- If you want to be _____, then you must be _____ in Jesus.

CONCLUSION: **P** _____ OPENLY

Romans 10:9 (NIV) "If you confess with your mouth 'Jesus is Lord', and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

- Voicing our commitment is _____.

Psalms 101: 2 (NIV) "I will walk in my house in the integrity of my heart."