

Certainty... in a world of doubt

The Gospel of Luke

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community church



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“Integrity” Luke 6:37-49

Relationships are only as healthy as the individuals that make up those relationships. Therefore, individual wholeness is the key to healthy relationships and individual wholeness is all about integrity.

What Is Integrity? vv37-42

- 1) Integrity is the opposite of hypocrisy. v42
- 2) All hypocrisy is playacting & mask wearing. Matt15:8-9
- 3) Integrity is “Wholeness”—consistency and sincerity with no deception or pretense. Ps51:6; Matt5:8
- 4) The real sin of hypocrisy is a refusal to live in honest repentance. No sin will completely break fellowship, ruin the church’s witness, and destroy our relationship with God except the refusal to repent. John16:8; Rom2:4; 1John1:8-9

Evidence of playacting (Lack of integrity)...

- ✓ Religious—instead of having an authentic relationship with God. vv35-36
- ✓ Judgmental—it’s a way to hide what you’re really like while focusing on what’s wrong with everyone else. v37a
- ✓ Unforgiving—it’s impossible to forgive someone you feel superior to. v37b
- ✓ Stingy—people generously loved by God will love people generously. v38
- ✓ Self-deceived—think you “have it all together” instead of admitting weaknesses. v39
- ✓ Stagnant—instead of growing. v40
- ✓ Disconnected—instead of closeness and vulnerability. vv41-42
- ✓ Blame-shifting—instead of taking responsibility.
- ✓ Defensive—instead of being teachable and open to feedback.
- ✓ Flatter—instead of speak the truth in love.

Why is it Important? vv43-45

- 1) You are what you love. v45 “Heart”; Pro4:23
- 2) What you love is what you worship. v45 “Treasure”; 2Cor4:7; Heb11:26; Matt6:19-21
- 3) You might not love what you think you love because fruit doesn’t lie. vv43-44; Gal5:22-23

How to be a Person of Integrity? vv46-49

- 1) Live for an audience of One (God) 24/7. v46; Ps139; Ps16:8, 11
- 2) Be authentic with all but deep disclosure with a few trusted friends. 1Pet1:22; Heb3:12-13; James5:16 Give up trying to please everyone in your life. Have the courage to express what you truly like or dislike even if you think people won’t like you. Acknowledge it openly when you get something wrong and avoid the temptation to hide or hurl.
- 3) Storm-proof your life by integrating the gospel into every area of your life. vv47-49; Gal2:14; John8:31-32

Growing Notes

1) To become a Christian is not just to be reconciled to God but also to be woven into a new human community (Eph2:19). Explain. Why do you think spiritual growth and Gospel impact in the world can’t happen apart from community (Matt28:18-20)? Why are relationships so hard and what is the key to healthy relationships?

2) Read Luke 6:37-49. What stands out to you from this text? What is integrity? What is the real sin of hypocrisy (1John1:8-9)? Prayerfully review the list of evidence for a lack of integrity? Which one(s) are most convicting to you?

3) Review the points under why integrity is important, along with Bible references. How do these truths relate to integrity? Why do you think to change your behavior you must change what you worship? Why is “fruit” the telltale sign of authentic faith (integrity)?

4) Becoming a person of integrity starts by living for an audience of One. Explain. What does it mean to be authentic with all but deep disclosure with a few trusted friends? How will integrating the Gospel into every area of your life storm-proof your life? What is God speaking to you through this study? Pray.