

INTEGRITY PART II
“TRUST”
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INTRODUCTION

- Integrity is more than keeping your word.
- Last week we said when I have integrity, my words and my deeds match up.
- Integrity is about wholeness inside and out.
- Integrity is not what we do so much as who we are.
- Integrity establishes the ground rules for resolving tensions.

I. WHAT IS INTEGRITY

- You have to trust others to build anything together.
- Christianity builds trust if it is lived out like Jesus expects it to be.
- Three things that make people successful:
 - 1st - You have to have some skill.
 - 2nd - You have to build trust with others.
 - 3rd - You have to have the character.
- To lead well at home or at work people must trust you.
- Blind spots kill us all. You need others around you to be real.
- Character is the ability to meet the demands of reality.
- Character that is broken can be fixed.
- He gives the grace to face reality.
- I Corinthians 4:1-2, “...servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. ²In this case, moreover, it is required of stewards that one be found trustworthy.”

II. TRUST

- Peter Drucker said, “...Trust is the conviction that the leader means what he says...this is integrity.”

- People feel cared about when others invest themselves in their lives.
- Jesus said people are the most valuable thing on the planet.
- Trust is built with integrity.
- Psalm 15:1-2 NKJV, “Lord, who may abide in your tabernacle?...He who walks uprightly, and works righteousness, and speaks the truth in his heart.”
- Trust transcends gifts and talents.
- How do you build or rebuild trust?
 - Takes relational investment...
 - Trust is built with empathy...Feel another’s pain.
 - Being right is not a high value in building trust...Understanding others is.

III. WHAT MAKES A PERSON WE CAN TRUST

- If you are a person who retaliates quickly you are likely not a person many people will trust.
- Trust is like love, it believes the best and treats people well.
- People we trust are vulnerable and also have some level of power or authority.
- No one trusts a person who is incompetent.
- People who are strong but vulnerable will lead others well.
- People must be able to identify with you.
- Hebrews 10:24-25, “And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds...encouraging one another...”
- 1 Thessalonians 5:14 ESV, “...admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all.”