



Being the Person God Wants You to Be

Psalm 15

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Integrity is living by ethical and moral principles that come from a higher authority or code. Integrity transcends our personal values and rises above individual ideals because it is based on a consistent framework of external principles.

Psalm 15 is not about man's definition of integrity. It is about God's definition of integrity. **To be a God-follower, you must live with integrity!!** What are the characteristics of residents who dwell on God's holy hill? What kind of people is God looking for? Who does God say is a person of integrity?

Psalm 15 gives the standard for the people who would worship God. According to this psalm, our spiritual integrity is evaluated by God. This psalm gives us **five requirements** of God's person of integrity.

I. Your integrity is about how you live (verse 2)

1. Live a **blameless** life *"whose walk is blameless"*
2. Live a **righteous** life *"who does what is righteous"*

II. Your integrity is about how you talk (verses 2-3)

1. Speak the truth **instinctively** *"speaks the truth from his heart"*
2. Speak the truth **honorably** *"has no slander on his tongue"*

III. Your integrity is about how you treat others (verses 3-4)

1. Treat others **fairly** *"does his neighbor no wrong"*
2. Treat others **respectably** *"casts no slur on his fellowman"*

IV. Your integrity is about how you react to evil and to good (verse 4)

1. Hate the **evil - doers** *"despises a vile man"*
2. Honor the **God - fearers** *"honors those who fear the Lord"*
3. Keep your **promises** *"keeps his oath even when it hurts"*

V. Your integrity is about how you conduct your finances (verse 5)

1. Put **people** first *"lends his money without usury"*
2. Put **honesty** first *"does not accept a bribe"*

Your Response:

1. The psalmist uses the words "*blameless*" and "*righteous*" in verse 2. Name some areas of a God-follower's life that need to conform to God's requirement of blamelessness and righteousness.
2. If you overheard your family, friends, or people at work talking about you, would integrity be a word that would come up? Why or why not?
3. Close your eyes for a few moments in two-way prayer. Ask God to show you where you are in terms of these two words. Listen for God's answers.
4. Based on what the Holy Spirit has told you about yourself, what changes do you need to make in your conduct, your speech, your interaction with good and evil, and with your handling of your money? What changes do you need to make in these areas of integrity?
5. Take a sheet of paper and compile a list of the heroes in your life. What makes them heroes? Pick a Bible verse to go along with the character traits of each person. Begin to model some of the behavior and values of these people.

Resources:

Exposition of Psalms by H. C. Leupold
The Psalms by Elmer A. Leslie
Psalms (2 volumes) by Derek Kidner
Walking with Christ in the Details of Life
by Patrick Morley
The Integrity Crisis by Warren W. Wiersbe

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