

- Righteousness guards the man of integrity -
Proverbs 13:6

One of God's complaints against the Jews was their lack of integrity. Because of this he allowed their enemies to carry them away as slaves - Isaiah 59:4

Jesus was known as a man of integrity -
Mark 12:14

The Apostle Paul instructed Titus to show integrity in his teaching - Titus 2:7-8.

CHURCH LEADERS WHO LACK INTEGRITY WILL BRING GOD'S JUDGMENT ON THEMSELVES

Teaching others how to follow Jesus is a serious responsibility - James 3:1-2.

If we cause others to sin because of our teaching, hypocrisy or bad example, we will be held responsible - Matthew 18:6-9.

God will seriously punish those who serve Him without integrity - 2 Peter 2:1-22.

Those who practice falsehood are lost - Revelation 22:14-15

CHURCH LEADERS WITH INTEGRITY

*In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show **integrity**, seriousness and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us. Titus 2:7-8 (NIV)*

The church needs leaders who have integrity. Integrity means to be honest, to not lie, to not cheat and to fulfill all responsibilities. Integrity involves everything a person says, thinks and does. Integrity covers all parts of life. Integrity means that no part or corner of a person's life can be criticized for lack of honesty. By honesty I mean honesty to self, to God and to all mankind.

Integrity starts by being honest with one's self. If a person is honest with himself, he will admit to his own weaknesses, his sinful habits and the areas of his life where he needs to make improvements or changes. He will be honest by sharing these concerns with God through prayer. If he is sincere in being a person of integrity, he may share these concerns with a friend and ask the friend to pray for him and help him to overcome his weaknesses.

Integrity is a word that describes how God and mankind see a man. Do men see you as a church leader with integrity? Does God know you as a man of integrity? A church leader who is above reproach (can not be criticized for wrongdoing) is a man of integrity -2 Timothy 3:2-4.

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