

integrity

introduction

Ask the students to list public figures who, in their opinion, live a life of integrity. Then discuss why they feel this way.

Integrity is a quality that causes us to live our lives and make decisions based on truth and a sense of what is right. Some say that your character is the reputation you have with others and integrity is the relationship you have with God. Everyday your integrity influences the way you live your life. The true test of integrity normally takes place when no one is looking. Today's talk on integrity is based on teachings from the Book of Proverbs.

message

From politics to pulpits, people are looking for character and integrity. A simple definition of integrity is doing what is right. What happens to you and me when we choose to live by this standard? The Book of Proverbs gives us some answers.

- Proverbs 13:6 says righteousness guards a person of integrity. One right decision leads to another. If we allow truth to rule our decisions and actions, we are walking in integrity. The pathway of integrity opens our hearts and lets the righteousness of God reign.
- Proverbs 10:9 says the man of integrity walks securely. When we walk in truth and righteousness, God protects us from the onslaught of the enemy. Many try to live without integrity but eventually fail. Dishonest thinking and living will always lead to ruin.
- Proverbs 11:3 says a person's integrity, which is developed by daily decision, will guide him/her. Little decisions we make now will determine bigger decisions we will make later. Walking in integrity is an endless cycle of blessing and wisdom from the Lord.

salvation appeal

Jesus Christ is the answer to problems of integrity. A relationship with Him is a life-changing experience. Following Him on a daily basis will lead to a life of integrity. Ask Jesus Christ to be the Savior and Lord of your life.

challenge

We all have tough choices to make everyday. We need a lot of help to figure out what is right and what is wrong. Choose today to be a person of integrity. Make good and right decisions now, and they will follow you the rest of your life.

