

“Integrity for Dummies: Integrity 101”

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Psalms 112

1 Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who finds great delight in his commands. 2 His children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. 3 Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever. 4 Even in darkness light dawns for the upright, for the gracious and compassionate and righteous man. 5 Good will come to him who is generous and lends freely, who conducts his affairs with justice. 6 Surely he will never be shaken; a righteous man will be remembered forever. 7 He will have no fear of bad news; his heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord. 8 His heart is secure, he will have no fear; in the end he will look in triumph on his foes. 9 He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor, his righteousness endures forever; his horn will be lifted high in honor. 10 The wicked man will see and be vexed, he will gnash his teeth and waste away; the longings of the wicked will come to nothing.

YOUR INTEGRITY INDEX

Grade yourself 1-10 in each area (10 being highest).

- TELLING THE TRUTH..... _____
 - KEEPING YOUR WORD..... _____
 - SHOWING UP ON TIME..... _____
 - MANAGING YOUR MONEY..... _____
 - DOING YOUR JOB..... _____
 - SHARING CREDIT..... _____
 - INTERNET BROWSER HISTORY..... _____
 - CONVERSATION..... _____
 - GIVING..... _____
 - HELPING OTHERS..... _____
 - MANAGING YOUR EMOTIONS..... _____
 - RESPECT..... _____
 - PRAYER LIFE..... _____
 - BIBLE STUDY..... _____
 - WORSHIP..... _____
- TOTAL _____

Integrity begins with...

1. **RESPECT FOR THE LORD AND HIS COMMANDS.**
v. 1 Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who finds great delight in his commands.

A person of Integrity...

2. **TREATS PEOPLE WELL.**
5 qualities of a person of Integrity:
 - a) GRACIOUS
v. 4 Even in darkness light dawns for the upright, for the gracious and compassionate and righteous man.
 - b) COMPASSIONATE
 - c) RIGHTEOUS
v. 5 Good will come to him who is generous and lends freely, who conducts his affairs with justice.
 - d) GENEROUS
 - e) FAIR-MINDED

Integrity results in...

3. **BLESSINGS**
v. 1 Blessed is the man ...
 - a) **YOU'LL BE A POSITIVE INFLUENCE ON OTHERS.**
v. 2 His children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

v. 3 ...his righteousness endures forever.
 - b) **YOU WILL LIVE ABOVE YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES.**
v. 4 Even in darkness light dawns for the upright ...

v. 7 He will have no fear of bad news; his heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

v. 8 His heart is secure, he will have no fear; in the end he will look in triumph on his foes.