

# What really matters? Integrity Matters

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[Matt 5:33, 37](#)

[Jesus said] 33 "Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not break your oath, but keep the oaths you have made to the Lord.' 37 Simply let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one."

## 1. CHRIST IS CALLING HIS PEOPLE TO A LIFE OF INTEGRITY

[Matt 5:33](#) ... keep the oaths you have made to the Lord

[Matt 5:37](#) Simply let your 'Yes' be 'Yes'...

## 2. 'NO' IS AN ACCEPTABLE ANSWER

[Matt 5:37](#) ... and your 'No,' 'No'...

## 3. WHEN YOU SAY YES, FOLLOW THROUGH

[Matt 5:37](#)

"... let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one."

[Eph 1:4](#)

[God] chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.

## 4. AS ALWAYS, JESUS IS OUR PERFECT EXAMPLE

[Matt 20:18-19](#)

[Jesus said] 18 "We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death 19 and will turn him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life!"

[Matt 28:5-6](#)

5 The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. 6 He is not here; he has risen, just as he said."

[John 14:16-18](#)

[Jesus said] 16 "... I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth...18 I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you."

[1 Peter 2:9](#)

... you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.