



## How To Live With Integrity

### 1 Peter 2:11-25

But 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. 1 Peter 2:9

### **The Goal of our lives as Followers of Christ should be:**

Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbors. Then even if they accuse you of doing wrong, they will see your honorable behavior, and they will give honor to God when he judges the world.

1 Peter 2:12

### **Remember we are “strangers” here on earth.**

Dear friends, I warn you as “temporary residents and foreigners” to keep away from worldly desires that wage war against your very souls.

1 Peter 2:11

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### **I. Don't give in to temptation**

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1 Peter 2:11b

*When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, 21 envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these.*

*Galatians 5:19-21*

...remember, when you are being tempted, do not say, "God is tempting me." God is never tempted to do wrong, and he never tempts anyone else. 14 Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away. 15 These desires give birth to sinful actions. James 1:13-15

For you are free, yet you are God's slaves, so don't use your freedom as an excuse to do evil. 1 Peter 2:16

### **God's will for your life is that you live with integrity, that your life matches what you say you believe.**

It is God's will that your honorable lives should silence those ignorant people who make foolish accusations against you. 1 Peter 2:15

### **Last week's messages-----"Big Truth"**

And remember that the heavenly Father to whom you pray has no favorites. He will judge or reward you according to what you do. So you must live in reverent fear of him during your time as "foreigners in the land." 1 Peter 1:17

### **ii. Respect authority for the \_\_\_\_\_.**

For the Lord's sake, respect all human authority—whether the king as head of state, 14 or the officials he has appointed. For the king has sent them to punish those who do wrong and to honor those who do right. 1 Peter 2:13,14

Respect everyone, and love your Christian brothers and sisters. Fear God, and respect the king. 1 Peter 2:17

### **Notice the 3 marks of maturity:**

1. Show \_\_\_\_\_

2. Love \_\_\_\_\_

3. Fear God and \_\_\_\_\_

You who are slaves must accept the authority of your masters with all respect. Do what they tell you—not only if they are kind and reasonable, but even if they are cruel. 19 For God is pleased with you when you do what you know is right and patiently endure unfair treatment. 20 Of course, you get no credit for being patient if you are beaten for doing wrong. But if you suffer for doing good and endure it patiently, God is pleased with you. James 1:13-15 1 Peter 2:18-20

### **iii. Integrity in \_\_\_\_\_**

"For God called you to do good, even if it means suffering, just as Christ suffered for you. He is your example, and you must follow in his steps. 1Peter 2:21

He never sinned, nor ever deceived anyone. 23 He did not retaliate when he was insulted, nor threaten revenge when he suffered. He left his case in the hands of God, who always judges fairly. 1 Peter 2:22,23

### **Apostle Paul writing to Corinth in Greece**

Your lives are a **letter written in our hearts**; everyone can read it and recognize our good work among you. 3 Clearly, you are a letter from Christ showing the result of our ministry among you. **This "letter" is written not with pen and ink, but with the Spirit of the living God. It is carved not on tablets of stone, but on human hearts.** 2 Corinthians 3:2,3

As you come to him, **the living Stone**—rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him— **5you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house** to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 2:4,5