



I Will Live With Integrity
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THE PROMISE OF INTEGRITY

Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but whoever takes crooked paths will be found out.
Proverbs 10:9 (NIV)

INTEGRITY KILLERS TO AVOID

1. You make life _____.

Jesus also taught: "Beware of these teachers of religious law! For they like to parade around in flowing robes and receive respectful greetings as they walk in the marketplaces."

Mark 12:38 (NLT)

2. Confusing _____ for _____.

"And how they love the seats of honor in the synagogues and the head table at banquets."

Mark 12:39 (NLT)

3. Believing if it's _____ it's _____.

"Yet they shamelessly cheat widows out of their property..."

Mark 12:40 (NLT)

4. Seeking the approval of _____ at _____.

"...and then pretend to be pious by making long prayers in public. Because of this, they will be more severely punished."

Mark 12:40 (NLT)

DO YOUR ACTIONS REFLECT YOUR BELIEFS?

INTEGRITY BUILDERS TO ADOPT

1. Watch for _____ in _____.

Jesus sat down near the collection box in the Temple and watched as the crowds dropped in their money. Many rich people put in large amounts. Then a poor widow came and dropped in two small coins.

Mark 12:41-42 (NLT)

2. Offer _____ your authentic _____.

Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has given more than all the others who are making contributions. For they gave a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she had to live on."

Mark 12:43-44 (NLT)

HOW CAN YOU LIVE WITH INTEGRITY?

1. _____.

Bless those who persecute you...live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

Romans 12:14, 16-18 (NIV)

2. _____.

So then, if we do not do the good we know we should do, we are guilty of sin.

James 4:17 (GNT)

3. _____ your _____.

We are proud that our conscience assures us that our lives in this world, and especially our relations with you, have been ruled by God-given holiness and sincerity, by the power of God's grace and not by human wisdom.

2 Corinthians 1:12 (GNT)

Sources: *The Communicator's Commentary: Mark* by McKenna, *The Daily Bible Study: Mark* by Barclay, *Harper's Bible Commentary* by Mays, and various illustrations from Preaching Today.