



What Is Your Integrity Worth?

Real integrity is doing the right thing, knowing that nobody's going to know whether you did it or not. —Oprah Winfrey

Daniel 6:1-12 (NIV) *If the king pleased Darius to appoint 120 satraps to rule throughout the kingdom,² with three administrators over them, one of whom was Daniel. The satraps were made accountable to them so that the king might not suffer loss.³ Now Daniel so distinguished himself among the administrators and the satraps by his exceptional qualities that the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom.⁴ At this, the administrators and the satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs, but they were unable to do so. They could find no corruption in him, because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent.⁵ Finally these men said, "We will never find any basis for charges against this man Daniel unless it has something to do with the law of his God."*

⁶*So these administrators and satraps went as a group to the king and said: "May King Darius live forever! ⁷The royal administrators, prefects, satraps, advisers and governors have all agreed that the king should issue an edict and enforce the decree that anyone who prays to any god or human being during the next thirty days, except to you, Your Majesty, shall be thrown into the lions' den.⁸ Now, Your Majesty, issue the decree and put it in writing so that it cannot be altered—in accordance with the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed."⁹ So King Darius put the decree in writing.*

¹⁰*Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before.¹¹ Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help.¹² So they went to the king and spoke to him about his royal decree: "Did you not publish a decree that during the next thirty days anyone who prays to any god or human being except to you, Your Majesty, would be thrown into the lions' den?"*

The king answered, "The decree stands—in accordance with the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed."

You can be a person of integrity, do the right all the time, but still face **CHALLENGES** in your life.

Integrity costs, but it also **PAYS**.

The most important part is that Daniel's INTEGRITY survived the lion's den.

Three key questions to ask yourself:

1. Are you a person of **FINANCIAL** integrity?
2. Are you a person of **MORAL** integrity?
3. Are you a person of **SPIRITUAL** integrity?

Thirty Day Challenge

1. Keep your **WORD**.
2. Always take the harder **RIGHT** over the **EASIER** wrong.
3. Guard your **PRINCIPLES**.
4. Don't shy away from the cost.

Additional Notes:

scriptures that relate

Monday: Proverbs 10:9	Wednesday: Ecclesiastes 8:10	Friday: Proverbs 4:25-27
Tuesday: 1 Peter 3:16	Thursday: 2 Corinthians 8:21	Saturday: Proverbs 11:3

small groups—talk it over

1. How would you personally define integrity? What are some ways that you can improve in this area?
2. How are you when no one else is around? Is your walk consistent everyday?
3. There are paths in our world that appear right, but are not. Can you identify one?
4. What would the world be like if more people lived lives of integrity?
5. How transparent are you willing to live your life?

jeff's prayer requests

Monday: Pray for Pastor Brian while he is on sabbatical for rest and renewal.

Tuesday: Pray for the women in our church for strength and victory in all aspects of life.

Wednesday: Pray for our youth and children that their love for the Lord will grow.

Thursday: Pray for the men of our church that they would be an example of living for Christ.

Friday: Pray for our new staff, Pastors Jamie, Lesley & Mark, that their ministries will thrive.

Saturday: Pray for the lost and broken to be brought in to a relationship with the Lord.