

## **Developing Integrity**

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### **INTRODUCTION**

Integrity defined: a state of being whole and undivided; a quality of being honest and having strong moral principles

INTEGRITY: Living in line with our commitments with God and others

**KEY POINT:** Wholeness of character leads to wholeness of life

**TEXT:** Proverbs 11:1-3

#### **• Integrity matters to God (v. 1)**

Integrity is integral to our relationship with God

Integrity matters in everything – not limited to a religious or judicious sphere

God honors integrity, even when others don't

#### **• Integrity restrains our selfish bent (v. 2)**

Pride: Finding "I" at the center of everything

The "I" gets in the way: my wants, my worries, my way

Humility: a right understanding of who we are in light of who God is

Not thinking too highly of ourselves; not thinking too lowly of ourselves

#### **• Integrity safeguards our journey (v. 3)**

Integrity: honoring our commitments, being true to our word

We know what begins to inform our steps

Prov. 10:9 "Whoever walks in integrity walks securely but whoever follows perverse (twisted) paths will be found out."

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1. Confront the pieces

2. Chose the truth

3. Make amends

4. Honor your commitments

**RESPONSE:** Lord, help me be a person of integrity!