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## Bible Study Handout: Integrity – Walking in Honesty and Honor (Week 6: Virtue #5)

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### Key Story: "The Same in the Dark"

Caleb, a man in a city full of corruption, chose to stand for truth even when no one was watching. When faced with a moral dilemma at work, he remembered his grandfather's words:

"Real integrity is being the same person when no one is watching."  
He acted not to expose, but to honor God.

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### What Is Integrity, Really?

- Being **whole, undivided, and honest** in all situations
- Not just doing the right thing in public—but doing right when **God alone sees**
- Living the same **inside and outside**, under pressure and in peace

#### Integrity includes:

- **Boundaries** – You don't cross the line morally
- **Consistency** – You're dependable daily
- **Predictability** – Others can trust your word

### Proverbs 11:3:

"The integrity of the upright will guide them."


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### God Is Truth. Satan Is a Liar.

- God = Ultimate Truth.
  - Satan = Father of lies.
  - Every lie pulls you away from God.
  - Telling the truth reflects your identity as a **child of God**.
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### Integrity in Daily Life

- Not perfection, but **honesty about imperfection**
- If you sin—**go quickly to God**, confess, and walk again in truth

 "Integrity says: *If I sin, I'll go to the Father and confess it.*"

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## What the Bible Teaches About Integrity

-  Don't lie (Proverbs 12:22)
-  Don't exaggerate or flatter
-  Don't steal time, things, or attention
-  Return what you borrow
-  Keep promises, even when it costs you (Psalm 15:4)
-  Don't take bribes or manipulate

## Numbers 23:19:

"God is not a man that He should lie."

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## Keeping Priorities Straight

- Caleb learned to put **God first**, even over work or ministry.
  - Jesus **called the disciples to "be with Him"** (Mark 3:14)
  - Mary chose to sit at Jesus' feet — and Jesus said she chose the *better part* (Luke 10:42)
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## Real-Life Integrity: Apostle Paul

- Confronted Peter when he compromised (Gal. 2:11–12)
  - Lived aware that **God sees everything** (2 Cor. 11:31)
  - Preached and practiced what he believed
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## The Integrity Test (Self-Check)

Ask yourself:

- Do I **keep my word**?
- Am I honest with **money and time**?
- Do I **speak truth in love**?
- Do I **exaggerate, gossip, or flatter**?
- Do I **trust God to protect me** when others wrong me?

## Kenneth Copeland:

"Turn injustice over to God. He will bring you out ahead."

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## Promises for the Upright

Promise	Scripture
Protection & Defense	Psalm 7:10; 41:11–12
God's Presence	Psalm 15:1–2; 140:13
Stability & Strength	Psalm 15:3–5; Proverbs 10:9
Guidance & Wisdom	Proverbs 11:3; 2:7; 16:17
Joy & Light	Psalm 64:10; 97:11
Children Blessed	Psalm 112:2; Proverbs 20:7
Inherit Good	Proverbs 28:10
God Delights in Your Prayer	Proverbs 15:8

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## Study Reflection Questions

### Section 1 – Caleb's Story

- What stands out most to you?
- Have you ever faced pressure to lie? What did you do?

### Section 2 – Understanding Integrity

- Define integrity in your own words.
- How do lies damage our relationship with God?

### Section 3 – Scripture Reflection

- What kind of person lives in God's presence (Psalm 15)?
- What does Proverbs 11:3 mean in your life?

### Section 4 – Heart Check

- Where do you struggle to walk in truth?
- How can you rely on God to grow in integrity?

### Section 5 – Apply the Lesson (This Week)

- How can you walk in honesty at home, work, and privately?
  - What step will you take to **put God first** today?
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