**THIS OR THAT**

**PART 6: LIVING WITH INTEGRITY**

**OUTLINE**

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*1: firm adherence to a code of especially moral or artistic values:* the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles; moral uprightness. *2: an unimpaired condition: SOUNDNESS 3: the quality or state of being complete or whole*

"Integrity is deciding to integrate my heart’s value into my daily actions" ~ John Maxwell

Proverbs 10:9 The man of integrity walks securely, but whoever takes crooked paths will be found out. NIV

Integrity Quiz

1. Is who you are on the inside the same as what people see on the outside?
2. Do you conduct a regular heart examination?

Psalms 139:23-24 Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. 24 See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. NIV

1. Are your values consistent or subjective to the moment?

Psalm 25:21 - May integrity and uprightness protect me, because my hope, Lord, is in you.

1. Our challenge is to live a committed life in an uncommitted world.
2. Integrity cannot be built on adjustable values.

Proverbs 11:3 - The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity.

The Integrity Advantage

1. People with integrity know the little things count.

*Song of Songs 2:15 Catch for us the foxes, the little foxes that ruin the vineyards, our vineyards that are in bloom. NIV*

1. Integrity is seldom lost in a moment.
2. It is the slow distortion of truth, which leads to an integrity breakdown.
3. People with integrity find the white when others see the gray.

*Isaiah 5:20 Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter. NIV*

*Psalms 46:10 He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." NIV*

1. People of integrity fess up when they mess up.

*Psalms 51:3 For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin is always before me. NKJV*

1. Integrity requires activity. There are times when we cannot stay silent and there are times that we must not stay seated.
2. Integrity requires a response. Many times it is simply, “I’m sorry.”
3. People of integrity do what they say they’ll do.

Matthew 5:37 All you need to say is simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything beyond this comes from the evil one. NIV

1. People of integrity act like they are being watched.

1 Timothy 4:12 Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. NIV

“Our lives are known and read by all men – don’t be found in the fiction section.”

1. Integrity is a victory you win for a value you hold when you could compromise and take the easy way out.