

The Temptations of a Man

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Integrity

Proverbs 28:13 “He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.”

I John 1:9 “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”

SUMMARY:

Integrity is a challenge for every man. The word integrity is derived from the Latin word, integritas, which means “wholeness,” or “completeness.” Men of integrity are not divided, which is duplicity, or faking it, which is hypocrisy. Men of integrity are determined for their public image and their private reality to match and never contradict each other.

NOTES:

Choose to place greater attention of what God knows about me than upon what people think about me.

Remember that CONFESSION brings cleansing, while COVER UPS bring consequences.

The longer someone pursues IMAGE instead of INTEGRITY, the worse the consequences will become.

DISCUSSION POINTS:

Introductory Question: Why do we expect other people, especially leaders, to be people of integrity?

Discussion:

- Why are so many so concerned with what other people think of them?
- Why do you think confession is so difficult?
- What role can accountability with another man play in the effort to be a man of integrity?

APPLICATION:

At the end of each day, set aside a time for spiritual evaluation. This is the time to confess any and all sin.

Choose to resist the temptation to promote a public image that differs from your private reality.

ON YOUR OWN...

1 Corinthians 10:13

James 3:1

2 Samuel 11

Psalms 51:1-12