

The Home of the Brave

Pt. 3 - Courageous Integrity

Example - All of the well-known leaders that have been exposed for their sin.

Proverbs 10:9, People with integrity walk safely, but those who follow crooked paths will be exposed.

Note - This is as much a promise as Isaiah 53:5

Integrity (defined) - Integrity is doing what you ought to even when it costs you.

- We need Courageous Integrity because a lack of personal integrity always effects the lives of others.

Proverbs 10:17, Whoever heeds discipline shows the way to life, but whoever ignores correction leads others astray.

Note - No sin happens in a vacuum.

Example - The woman who grieved Jimmy

Note - Integrity effects others positively!

Proverbs 20:7, The godly walk with integrity; blessed are their children who follow them.

- We need Courageous Integrity because a lack of integrity for one single moment can overshadow a lifetime of good.

Proverbs 11:3, The integrity of the upright guides them, but the crookedness of the unfaithful destroys them.

Example - The man who married my parents

- We need Courageous Integrity because our irresponsibility always becomes someone else's responsibility.

Example - Ask me to pick up your towel

Luke 6:31, Do to others as you would have them do to you.

- We need Courageous Integrity because one breach of integrity leads to another, and a second establishes a pattern.

Note - Direction (not intention) determines our outcome. There is always a progressive nature to sin.

James 1:15, These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death.

- We need Courageous Integrity because our greatest regrets were preceded by a series of small poor decisions.

Haggai 1:7, This is what the LORD Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways.

Note - Money, liberty, recognition and pleasure are the four most common ways our integrity will be tested.

Example - Scams, booze, entitlement, porn

Mark 4:19, ...but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful.

- We need Courageous Integrity because often those we love most have the greatest potential to undermine our integrity.

Note - We often cave in for the perceived benefit of those we love when we never would have for our own.

Matthew 10:37, "If you love your father or mother more than you love me, you are not worthy of being mine; or if you love your son or daughter more than me, you are not worthy of being mine."

- We need Courageous Integrity because our reward for integrity must be knowing we did the right thing. Integrity is its own reward.

Proverbs 28:6, Better is a poor man who walks in his integrity than a rich man who is crooked in his ways.

Note - Looking yourself in the mirror.

- We need Courageous Integrity because the willingness to compromise integrity is often connected to our assumption that we can predict our own outcome.

Note - The only certain outcome is the lack of integrity!

Proverbs 28:13, Those who conceal their sins do not prosper, but those who confess and forsake them obtain mercy.

Note - Compromised integrity reveals double-mindedness, untrustworthy.

Note - The only real choice we have when we have compromised our integrity is to own it.

James 5:16, Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.

Note - God can't cover what we won't uncover!

- We need Courageous Integrity because integrity is a daily choice.

Note - We are always one poor choice away from forfeiting our credibility.

Joshua 24:15, ...choose today whom you will serve.

Note - The test of integrity is always a pop quiz.

Example - Roever's Hollywood offer