

Mother's Day

"Truly Blessed"

May 9, 2010

Proverbs 20:7 (ESV)

LG Study

QUICK REVIEW:

Was there a particular point or passage of Scripture that challenged, confused, or caught your attention during this Sunday's message?

MY STORY

1. How would you define integrity?
2. Think of a person you know who demonstrates integrity. List things about him or her that give you that impression.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. As Pastor Michael shared this past Sunday, our personal integrity or lack of it has impact and implication beyond ourselves (Proverbs 20:7). In what ways have you experienced this truth? And where would you place yourself on the integrity scale (1=no integrity; 5=full of integrity) in the following areas of relationship and why?
 - Family (relationship with parents, children and/or spouse)
 - Friends
 - Coworkers (Employers and/or employees)
 - Church
 - Government (tax, law, and etc.)
2. What impresses people around us is seldom what impresses God. That's because God has an edge: He can see into our thoughts and motives. Read Hebrews 4:12-14 and answer the following questions:
 - How does knowing that God sees you as you truly are make you feel and why?
 - How is that indicative of your relationship with God?
 - What does this passage have to do with integrity?

3. Read Hebrews 4:15-16. According to these verses, what hope do we have when we fail in our quest for integrity? What should be our appropriate response in moments of our failures? What are some examples of inappropriate responses?
4. Read James 1:22-25. In this passage, James uses an analogy of looking into a mirror. What is the mirror referring to in this context (v.22)? This passage points out that having the mirror is not sufficient to help one live a life of integrity. How is it so? What are the descriptions of the law in verse 25 and what is the significance of them?

BRINING IT HOME

1. Take a moment to share how each person did in applying what you discussed at your last LG meeting.
 - Did you do what you said you were going to do?
 - If yes, how did it go? What was challenging for you?
 - If no, what kept you from it?
2. As people often say, "More lessons are caught than taught." While that saying is often applied to the context of parenting, the same principle holds true in all contexts of relationship. For example, our unbelieving friends and family members will judge the authenticity of the Good News of Jesus Christ based on how we live our lives daily rather than what we tell them about Christ. With that in mind, revisit your response to Question 1 (DIGGING DEEPER section) and identify where you need God's grace in order to restore integrity. Pray for one another.
3. Please continue to share with your group what God has been teaching you through your Life Journal/Devotional.

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