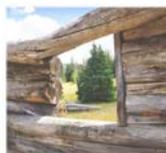
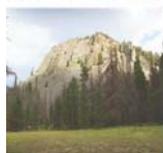


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Integrity

If you look up that word in the dictionary, you will find that it means: *the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles; moral uprightness; the state of being whole and undivided.* While our country is spiraling into a vortex of sin and depravity, we as Christians should be doing our best to live with the highest form of morals, stemmed from a genuine love for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Keeping ourselves separate from worldly vices and immoral living will not make us popular in this generation and may even bring persecution that we do not expect, but to live in integrity in the sight of God and man will bring its own peace and joy. Dare to be different in this wicked world! Walk in integrity! ~T. Miller

Integrity characterizes the entire person, not just part of him. He is righteous and honest through and through. He is not only that inside, but also in outer action.

Kent Hughes

Integrity is like the weather: Everybody talks about it but nobody knows what to do about it.

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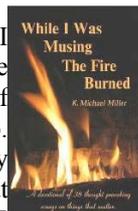
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Walk
before me,...
in
Integrity
of heart.

1 Kings 9:4

*So I'll dare to be different
in a world of compromise,
And I'll stand for you, Jesus,
though I might be criticized,
For me, You were ridiculed,
mocked, and crucified.
So I'll dare to be different.
Set apart and sanctified.*

The only reason
integrity should be
a burden to you
is if you enjoy
being dishonest.
Sam Storms

There is not well-defined
boundary line between
honesty and dishonesty. The
frontiers of one blend with the
outside limits of the other, and
he who attempts to tread this
dangerous ground may be
sometimes in the one domain
and sometimes in the other.

O. Henry

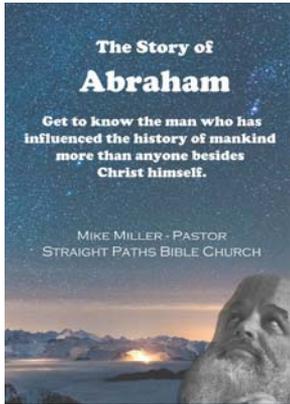
(Editors's note: So make sure to
keep the boundary between honesty
and dishonesty wide! Be more than
honest!)

You may fool
the whole world
down the pathway
of life
and get pats on your back
as you pass,
but your final reward
will be heartaches
and tears
if you've cheated
the man in the glass.

Dale Wimbrow



Do you have someone in your family who loves to listen to series sermons but they have trouble finding them from reliable sources? Bro. Mike has put together some of the series that he has been preaching to us at Straight Paths and is making them available to everyone. Here are the first three:

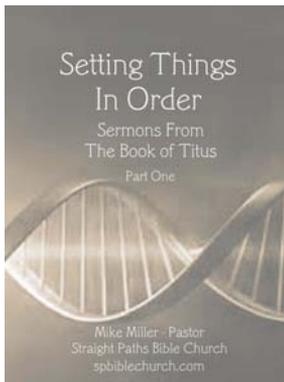
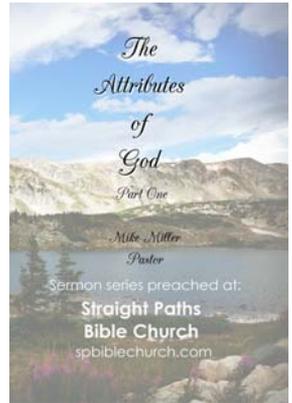


The Story of Abraham

Fourteen messages on twelve separate CDs in a convenient album case that covers the life of Abraham (Genesis 12-Genesis 24). Precious insight into the life of the man that everyone knew as the "friend of God", these messages have already been a great blessing to many others. You may purchase the entire set for \$20, or you can buy all the messages on one MP3 for only \$10. Both come in plastic cases and are perfect for gift-giving.

The Attributes of God

Sixteen messages are gathered into two separate albums in this wonderful study of the attributes and character of our blessed Creator, such as "God is Holy," "God is Patient," and "God is Omnipotent." This set, which comes in two separate albums (part one and part two) can be purchased for \$20 in the CD form, or for \$10 with all the messages on one MP3. Each message will be a blessing to you and your family and is easy to understand.



Setting Things in Order

This set of sixteen messages are taken from the book of Titus. Our God is a God of order which is clearly seen in all of his creation. There is nothing left to question in the way that he expects us to live in this present day, and God blesses those who seek to live according to his statutes. These two albums may be purchased for \$20 in the CD form, or they are also available in an MP3 format for \$10.

The Value of Integrity

*Let me be weighed in an even balance, that God may know mine integrity.
Job 31:6*

Everyone seems to know what integrity is, but do they really? Most people have the concept that it has to do with being good and living right. But if you were asked, "What is integrity?" what would your answer be? When in doubt of a definite definition, I always turn to Webster's dictionary. What I found was this: *Integrity: the entire, unimpaired state of anything, particularly of the mind; moral soundness or purity; incorruptness; uprightness, honesty.* Using a list of thoughts that I found on this subject, I would like to encourage you to think about integrity for a little while and see how valuable it is to you.

*Integrity serves as a guide in life's moral decisions.

Proverbs 11:3 says, "*The integrity of the upright shall guide them: but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them.*" Life is full of important decisions, from the everyday choices of what we are to wear, or eat, or where we are to go, to the life-changing selections of who we are to marry, how we are to live, and whom we will serve. It is the moral issues that should concern us the most. How will you conduct yourself? By what standard will you live? The worldly philosophy is that fornication is not wrong anymore. They try to convince you to treat your purity lightly as a thing that does not matter. Most young people today are so filled with the idea that they cannot live above sin that they feel there is no need to try, therefore with the overwhelming pull of worldly influences (pornography, peer pressure, worldly music and magazines, romance books, just to name a few), they are drawn into a net of destruction where their integrity is crushed and ruined. You *can* retain your integrity and you *can* hold to the decision to do right, no matter what. Keep that which is holy for Holy Matrimony, now and forever.

*Integrity hates falsehood in every form.

"A righteous man hateth lying; but a wicked man is loathsome, and cometh to shame. Righteousness keepeth him that is upright in the way: but wickedness overthroweth the sinner." (Proverbs 13:5-6) You have seen it before, I am sure. Someone starts lying to get out of trouble and pretty soon he has told so many lies he slips up and says something he should not and is caught. And what is the first thing he does? He starts blaming other who have no fault in the matter, trying to take the condemnation off of himself. The problem with a liar is that he does not care to make someone else look bad just so he can make himself look better. This kind of thing is *loathsome*. Hate lying! Hate it for what it is - sin. Sin always brings death and the one thing that lying can kill is your integrity. No one ever believes a liar. You might get away with it for a little while but lies always come out. Always! Lying is never right under any circumstance. If it means that you will get into trouble, then take the punishment that you deserve but do not lie! The best thought

is just do nothing that you would not want everyone to know about, then you do not have to be ashamed and you will not be tempted to lie.

*Integrity keeps its word even when it hurts.

"The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness. A wholesome tongue is a tree of life: but perverseness therein is a breach in the spirit." – Proverbs 15:2,4 – Back in my grandfather's day, if a man said that he would do something, it was as binding as if he had signed a contract. The old saying was, "A man's word is as good as his bond." But honesty and faithfulness is a rarity these days and there are very few that you can trust to keep their word with only a handshake and a promise. A person who is concerned in keeping his integrity will keep his word at all costs. Solomon said, *"Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay."* (Ecc.5:5) If you have any doubt that you cannot fulfill the promise that you start to make, do not make it. I personally know people that will tell you they will do something, knowing they are not going to do the job but so they will look good. Everyone loses trust in a person like that and when they need someone to really believe them, no one takes them seriously. So keep your word. Do what you say you will do, even to your own hurt. "The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good." (Pro.15:3)

*Integrity is not afraid to run when evil comes knocking.

"Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart." - 2Tim. 2:22 - The apostle Paul gave very precise instructions about how to handle sin...**FLEE!** *"Flee fornication."* (1Cor. 6:18) *"Flee from idolatry"*. (1Cor. 10:14) *"But thou, O man of God, flee these things (foolish and hurtful lusts, the love of money); and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness."* (1Tim. 6:11) There is no better way for you to resist the temptations that come your way every day. When you are tempted to do something wrong, flee! Get yourself away from the situation that is becoming questionable. When you pick up a magazine and it is full of bad pictures and worldly philosophy, drop it and run! If someone wants you to join them in something that you know is wrong, turn around and leave them in the dust. If you will turn away from evil and put it out of your mind, replacing it with good things as Scripture, good songs, or even just to know that the thing you were thinking of is hurting the Lord, it will be of more help to you than you would ever imagine. And you will find that when you do, the devil will leave you alone, also. *"Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."* (James 4:7) Moses did it! Joseph did it! Daniel did it! You and I can do it, too!

*Integrity backs up what it says with how it lives.

"In all things showing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine showing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you." (Titus 2:7,8) One thing that burdens my heart and I believe burdens the Lord, also, is people, young and old, who claim to be Christians and will act good, talk right, dress Godly, while they are in the presence of other Christians but then will act worldly, talk with vulgar slang and dress ungodly when they are anywhere else. This not only hurts the cause of Christ but also destroys their testimony in the eyes of those who are watching them. The only conclusion that you can make of such people is that they have never surrendered their lives to Christ; they are the worst of hypocrites. "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you." (2Corinthians 6:17) It is time that we as Christians stand up for what we believe and follow the Lord in holiness and integrity. If you are a Christian and love the Lord Jesus Christ, it should not be hard to look like one, talk like one, and live your light in this dark world for others to see. The choice is yours. Will God have preeminence in your life or will you want to fit in so badly that you will act like they do and ruin your testimony? If you can live that way, the Lord is not your Master and you are not a Christian. Jesus delivers us from sin so that we can live righteously and Godly in this present world.

*Integrity says both *yes* and *no* and means what it says.

"But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation." (James 5:12) Have you ever been around a person who never could make up his mind on what principle he was going to stand? If he was with one group, he would agree with them, but if others were giving their opinion on the same subject, he would see their logic and agree with them. You never knew what he was going to agree with from one moment to the next. Being so unstable, no one can trust him, either in council or in faithfulness. Someone with integrity will base his principles on the Word of God and stand without apology or argument. You will know what he believes and most times, will know what he will do.

*Integrity is what God looks for in a person's character.

"I know also, my God, that thou triest the heart, and hast pleasure in uprightness." (1Chr. 29:17) Trials are going to come in your life. There will arise circumstances and situations that you do not understand. There will even be times that you feel the Lord has deserted you and let you down. Those are usually the times that the Lord is doing His greatest work in your heart and life. The first thing you want to do is feel sorry for yourself. "Why would God be treating me this way? Why would He allow me to come to this point only to have things end so badly?" I recommend that you read the life of Joseph in Genesis 37,39-45. Remember that God's ways are not our ways and He can see what lies ahead of you. Circumstances

are not always going to remain the same. When a major change happens in your life, the danger arises when you begin to blame God for not doing the right thing. "But I have tried to live right and this is what I get!" How do you know that this is not exactly what God has in mind for you? The key is to trust Him and that is what He is looking for. It is what must be in every relationship in our lives. Children *must* trust their parents or they will not obey and will make decisions that will hurt their lives. Wives *must* trust their husbands in order to fulfill the need in his heart that would make them both happy. Soldiers *must* trust their commanding officer's decisions and orders to be able to fight successfully. God is trying the hearts of men in order that they learn to trust Him.

The LORD shall judge the people: judge me, O LORD, according to my righteousness, and according to mine integrity that is in me. (Psalm 7:8)

Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I wait on thee. (Psalm 25:21)

Judge me, O LORD; for I have walked in mine integrity: I have trusted also in the LORD; therefore I shall not slide. (Psalm 26:1)

But as for me, I will walk in mine integrity: redeem me, and be merciful unto me. (Psalm 26:11)

And as for me, thou upholdest me in mine integrity, and settest me before thy face for ever. (Psalm 41:12)

The integrity of the upright shall guide them: but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them. (Proverbs 11:3)

Better is the poor that walketh in his integrity, than he that is perverse in his lips, and is a fool. (Proverbs 19:1)

The just man walketh in his integrity: his children are blessed after him. (Proverbs 20:7)

So you see, integrity is an important thing in a Christian's life. You will grow in integrity as you grow in the Lord after you are truly saved. As you can see from the verses above, it will be your guide and will bless your life, even to causing your children to be blessed. God looks for integrity in His people and helps you to grow in integrity throughout your life. Are you growing in integrity?

Yes, Integrity Matters!

An aging king woke up one day to the realization that should he die, there would be no male in the royal family to take his place. He was the last male in the royal family in a culture where only a male could succeed to the throne – and he was aging. He decided that if he could not have his own son, he would adopt a son who then could take his place but he insisted that such an adopted son must be extraordinary in every sense of the word. So he launched a competition in his kingdom, open to all boys, no matter what their background. Ten boys made it to the very top.

There was little to separate these boys in terms of intelligence and physical attributes and capabilities. The king said to them, "I have one last test and whoever succeeds will become my adopted son and heir to my throne."

Then he said, "This kingdom depends solely on agriculture, so the king must know how to cultivate plants. Here is a seed of corn for each of you. Take it home, plant and nurture it for three weeks. At the end of three weeks, we shall see who has done the best job of cultivating the seed. That person will be my heir-apparent." The boys took their seeds and hurried home. They each got a flower pot and planted the seed as soon as they got home. There was much excitement in the kingdom as the people waited with bated breath to see who was destined to be their next king.

In one home, the boy and his parents were almost heartbroken when after days of intense care, the seed failed to sprout. He did not know what had gone wrong with his. He had selected the soil carefully, he had applied the right quantity and type of fertilizer, he had been very dutiful in watering it at the right intervals, he had even prayed over it day and night and yet his seed had turned out to be unproductive.

Some of his friends advised him to go and buy a seed from the market and plant that. "After all," they said, "how can anyone tell one seed of corn from another?" But his parents who had always taught him the value of integrity reminded him that if the king wanted them to plant any corn, he would have asked them to go for their own seed. "If I would use anything different from what the king gave me, that would be dishonesty."

"Maybe we are not destined for the throne. If so, let it be, but don't be found to have deceived the king," his parents told him.

The day finally came and the boys returned to the palace, each of them proudly exhibiting a very fine corn seedling. It was obvious that the other nine boys had had great success with their seeds. The king began making his way down the line of eager boys and asked each of them, "Is this what came out of the seed I gave you?"

And each boy responded, "Yes, your majesty." And the king would nod and move down the line.

The king finally got to the last boy in the line-up. The boy stood tall and straight, though great disappointment could be seen in his eyes. "What did you do with the seed I gave you?" the king asked. "I planted it and cared for it diligently, your majesty, but alas it failed to sprout," the boy said tearfully as the crowd booed him.

But the king raised his hands and signaled for silence. Then he said, "My people, behold your next king." The people were confused. "Why that one?" many asked. "How can he be the right choice?"

The king took his place on his throne with the boy by his side and said, "I gave these boys boiled seeds. This test was not for cultivating corn. It was the test of character; a test of integrity. It was the ultimate test. If a king must have one quality, it must be that he should be above dishonesty. Only this boy passed the test. A boiled seed cannot sprout."

Crafts

Antique Watch Bracelet

You can sometimes find old wrist watches at yard sales and flea markets during the summer months, and here is a great way to repurpose them in a memorable way. If the watch is unfixable, remove the back and all the works, leaving the glass face covering. Insert a photo of family members or a friend.

Replace the back and you have it! This would be a wonderful way to use an old watch belonging to someone who has passed that you want to remember.



Catch Ball

Here is an easy way to have some fun with your friends and family during vacation days. Wash a few empty milk jugs and very carefully cut the bottoms off of them. With duct tape or washi tape, make some bright colored stripes around them. Then, either make a ball or use a tennis or wiffle ball to make a fun catch and toss game.



Duct Tape Decorated Flip Flops

To make the double bows, you will need 1 (10 inch) strip, 1 (8 inch) strip, and a tiny piece to hold the bow in place. Fold over each side to create a seam in the center. Just make sure there's no sticky showing. You will end up with one (5 inch) piece, and one (4 inch) piece. Double them together (seam side down) and pinch in the middle. Roll the small sticky piece over the pleat to hold in place. Wire and tape them to the flip flops. Be sure to cover any sharp wire edges with tape. If you like, wrap the straps with the same tape to match.



Super Sleeve Fix

Do you have a tee that you really like but want shorter sleeves? Starting at the shoulder seam, begin sewing straight down the sleeve, making a few pleats (folded down) as you go, about three or four ones. This makes a pretty shirring affect and gives you a bit more room for your arms.

Recipes

Patriotic Jello Stars

- 2 – 3 ounce boxes of berry blue flavored Jello
- 2 – 3 ounce boxes of cherry flavored Jello
- 1 – 1 ounce box of Knox gelatine {4 envelopes}
- 14 ounces sweetened condensed milk

Instructions

1. Layer #1: In a large bowl, mix your berry blue Jello mixes, 1 envelope of Knox gelatine, and 2 cups of HOT water. Mix well. Pour mixture slowly into dish. Place dish into refrigerator until set, 20-30 minutes.
2. Layer#2: In a large bowl, mix 2 envelopes of Knox gelatine, $\frac{3}{4}$ cup HOT water, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup COLD water. Into a separate bowl mix sweetened condensed milk and 1 cup HOT water. Pour milk mixture into gelatine mixture. Mix to combine. SLOWLY pour white layer on top of BLUE layer. Return to refrigerator to set up, 20-30 minutes.
3. Layer #3: In a large bowl pour: cherry Jello mixes, 1 envelope of Knox gelatine, and 2 cups of HOT water. Mix well. Allow to cool. When layer #2 has set, pour mixture slowly into dish. Place dish into refrigerator until set, 20-30 minutes.

Using star-shaped cutters, cut shapes and arrange them on a clear or white platter.

Lasagna Roll-Ups

Make them and bake them, or make up a bunch and freeze them for a busy day!

- 16 uncooked lasagna noodles
- 1 lb lean (at least 80%) ground beef
- $\frac{1}{2}$ lb bulk pork sausage
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped onion
- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups tomato pasta sauce
- 2 containers (15 oz each) ricotta cheese
- 1 box (9 oz) Green Giant™ frozen spinach, thawed, drained and squeezed dry
- 2 teaspoons dried basil leaves or Italian seasoning
- 1 egg

Sauce and cheese (for baking roll-ups)

- 3 cups tomato pasta sauce
- 2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese (8 oz)

1. In large pot, cook lasagna noodles as directed on package. Drain; rinse with cold water. Drain well.
2. Meanwhile, in 12-inch skillet, cook beef, sausage and onion over medium-high heat, stirring frequently, until meat is no longer pink; drain. Stir in 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups pasta sauce. Simmer uncovered 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat.
3. In small bowl, mix ricotta cheese, spinach, basil and egg. Spread about 3 tablespoons ricotta mixture over each cooked lasagna noodle to within 1 inch of one short end. Spoon about $\frac{1}{4}$ cup meat mixture over ricotta mixture on each. Roll up firmly toward unfilled end. Line 15x10x1-inch pan with foil. Place roll-ups, seam side down, on pan; cover loosely with foil. Freeze about 30 minutes or until firm.
4. Place frozen rolls in airtight freezer container; label. Freeze up to 3 months.
5. **To bake** 16 lasagna roll-ups, spray two 13x9-inch (3-quart) glass baking dishes with cooking spray. Remove roll-ups from freezer bag; place 8 in each baking dish. Cover with foil; thaw in refrigerator at least 8 hours but no longer than 24 hours.
6. Heat oven to 350°F. Pour 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups pasta sauce over and around roll-ups in each baking dish. Cover tightly with foil; bake 30 to 40 minutes or until hot and bubbly. Sprinkle each baking dish with 1 cup mozzarella cheese; bake uncovered 3 to 5 minutes longer or until cheese is melted. Let stand 5 minutes before serving.



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