

The Psalms: Infallible Inspiration For Living
Psalm 101
Inspiration for Integrity

- When you hear the word "integrity," who comes to mind?
- What about their life made their integrity stand out?
- The sermon defined integrity as "the quality of life characterized by God's HOLINESS in every domain of living."
- Which areas of life do you think people most often compartmentalize from their faith?

In Psalm 101, David makes six commitments that define a life of Biblical integrity:

- (1)** A commitment to CELEBRATE love and justice. (101:1)

- How do 1 John 4:8, 16 and 1 Corinthians 13:4-6 fit together?
- If your life were a song, what would it be "singing" about right now?

- (2)** A commitment to be a lifelong STUDENT of how to live with integrity. (101:2a)

- Do you think David wrote this early or later in life (considering his issues with lying, adultery, murder, insubordinate children)?
- Read Colossians 1:21-23:
 - How are our actions connected to our salvation?
 - How is eternal security presented in this passage?
- What practical habits have you found or practiced that helps you live blameless?

- (3)** A commitment to live above reproach with his FAMILY. (101:2b)

- Where was David to blame in how his kids acted?
- What would your kids call you out on first?
- How have you wrongly shaped a belief your kids are picking up on/acting out on?
- What steps have you taken to correct a wrong pattern in your home?
- What is something you need help correcting at home?

- (4)** A commitment to refuse to entertain, rationalize, or normalize SIN in his life. (101:3-4)

- What are some ways we rename, soften, or rationalize sin to try to make it less damaging?
- What are the ABSOLUTES in Ps 101:3-4?
- Which ABSOLUTE do you need to give attention to?

(5) A commitment to RELIABLY honor those with integrity and punish those who lack it. (101:5-6a, 8)

-Why is it tempting to align ourselves with influential people even when they lack integrity?

-How can we honor people of integrity in our workplaces, church, and community?

-How did Jesus handle this issue in Luke 7:36-50?

(6) A commitment to hold his GOVERNMENT and household accountable to integrity. (101:6b-7)

-Where do you have influence, and how does this apply to you?

New Testament Application: As sinful sinners, God cannot have INTEGRITY if He allows us into His family and lets us rule with Him in His Kingdom. This is why we should forever praise God for His Grace in Christ! (2 Corinthians 5:21)

-Read 2 Corinthians 5:21 and Romans 6:1-2: How does God's grace in Christ both cover our lack of integrity and call us away from excusing it?

Challenge: How are you responding to the areas of your life that lack INTEGRITY? Your response says everything about your faith or lack of faith in Christ!

Other Scriptures Mentioned: Deuteronomy 32:4, John 14:6, Romans 6:1-2, 1 Corinthians 13:4-6, Colossians 1:21-23, Hebrews 3:12-13, 1 John 3:8-10; 4:8,16.

Discuss the Objective of the Month