The Heart Of Integrity

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God blesses those whose hearts are pure, for they will see God. Matthew 5:8 (GW)

• Pure in heart means *living with integrity*.

Three blessings of a pure heart.

1. I will possess personal confidence.

The one who lives with integrity lives securely, but whoever perverts his ways will be found out. Proverbs 10:9 (HCSB)

The integrity of the honest keeps them on track; the deviousness of crooks brings them to ruin. Proverbs 11:3 (MSG)

2. I will leave a lasting legacy.

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

3. I will receive eternal rewards.

The master answered, 'You did well. You are a good and loyal servant. Because you were loyal with small things, I will let you care for much greater things. Come and share my joy with me.'

Matthew 25:21 (NCV)

I build integrity in my life ... (From Psalm 15)

1. By *purifying my motive*. (v1-2)

A person may think their own ways are right, but the Lord weighs the heart. Proverbs 21:2 (NIV)

2. By <u>keeping my promises</u>. (v4)

People who promise things that they never give are like clouds and wind that bring no rain. Proverbs 25:14 (GNT)

3. By managing my money ethically. (v5)

Your heart will always be where your treasure is.

Matthew 6:21 (CEV)

The wicked borrow money and never pay it back. But good people
are kind and generous.Psalm 37:21 (ERV)

That is also why you pay taxes, because the authorities are working for God when they fulfill their duties. ⁷ Pay, then, what you owe them; pay them your personal and property taxes, and show respect and honor for them all. **Romans 13:6-7 (GNT)**

4. By *refusing to gossip*. (v.3)

A gossip can't be trusted with a secret, but someone of integrity won't violate a confidence. Proverbs 11:13 (MSG)

Anyone who spreads gossip is a fool. Proverbs 10:18b (GNT)

5. By doing my best at work. (v1-2)

A person who doesn't work hard is just like someone who destroys things. Proverbs 18:9 (EXB)

Servants, do what you're told by your earthly masters. And don't just do the minimum that will get you by. Do your best. Work from the heart for your real Master, for God, confident that you'll get paid in full when you come into your inheritance. Keep in mind always that the ultimate Master you're serving is Christ. The sullen servant who does shoddy work will be held responsible. Being a follower of Jesus doesn't cover up bad work. **Colossians 3:22-25 (MSG)**

6. By being real with others. (v2)

We refuse to wear masks and play games. We don't maneuver and manipulate behind the scenes. And we don't twist God's Word to suit ourselves. Rather, we keep everything we do and say out in the open, the whole truth on display, so that those who want to can see and judge for themselves in the presence of God.

2 Corinthians 4:2-3 (MSG)

God, create a pure heart in me, and renew a right attitude within me. Psalm 51:10 (ISV)