

Seven Pillars of Faith at Work: Integrity

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HOW DO I LIVE A LIFE OF INTEGRITY AT WORK?

Scripture: *Guard my life and rescue me; do not let me be put to shame, for I take refuge in you. May integrity and uprightness protect me, because my hope, LORD, is in you.*” Psalm 25:20-21 NIV

Definition: Integrity - firm adherence to a code of especially moral values : INCORRUPTIBILITY, SOUNDNESS, COMPLETENESS

Why is it hard to live a life of integrity at work:

Pressure!

- Financial pressures
- People Pressures
- Performance or Career Pressures
- Image Management Pressures

Tips: How to live a life of integrity at work:

1. **Trust in the authority [sovereignty] of God at Work.**
Focus on the sovereignty of the Lord and trust that He has your WHOLE life in His hands. He is WAY bigger than we give Him credit for.
2. **Decide to trust God with your work.**
Make the decision to turn your work and your will over to the care of God, as you understand Him. Just decide, and let the Holy Spirit do the heavy lifting. A willing heart is all He needs.
3. **Park your pressures with God.**
He created us to be in a loving, dependent, personal relationship with Him. Give your pressures to Him. *“Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you: He will never let the righteous be shaken.”* Psalm 55:22
4. **Invest in the next generation.**
The next generation is watching us at every turn, looking for cues on how to live life at work. Demonstrate through your words and actions how to trust God with your work, and live a life of integrity.
5. **Read the Bible with a workplace perspective.**
Read Ezra, Nehemiah, or Daniel and recognize that these guys were leaders in the market place. As you read the scriptures observe how they trusted God with their work, bosses, peers, and the next generation. Embrace their experiences as guideposts for your work life.

Resources:

Book – *God in the Workplace* – Henry Blackaby

Blog – www.fromsundaytomonday.org (this month: Integrity)

Website – www.workmatters.org (Executive Summary, Podcast, Video, “Integrity” resources)