



Being the Person God Wants You To Be Psalm 15

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Integrity is living by ethical and moral principles that come from a higher authority or code. We can't define integrity. Integrity is based on a consistent framework of external principles.

Psalm 15 gives God's definition of integrity. It gives God's standard for the people who would follow Him. What kind of people does God want? What are kind of people should we be?

This psalm gives us **five requirements** for you to be God's person of integrity.

I. Your integrity is about how you live (verse 2)

1. Live a blameless life "whose walk is blameless"

2. Live a righteous life "who does what is righteous"

II. Your integrity is about how you talk (verses 2-3)

1. Speak the truth instinctively "speaks the truth from his heart"

2. Speak the truth honorably "has no slander on his tongue"

III. Your integrity is about how you treat others (verses 3-4)

1. Treat others fairly "does his neighbor no wrong"

2. Treat others respectably "casts no slur on his fellowman"

IV. Your integrity is about how you choose morality (verse 4)

1. Detest the evil-doers "despises a vile man"

2. Honor the God-fearers "honors those who fear the Lord"

3. Keep your promises "keeps his oath even when it hurts"

V. Your integrity is about how you conduct your finances (verse 5)

1. Put people first *“lends his money without usury”*

2. Put honesty first *“does not accept a bribe”*

Your Response:

1. The psalmist uses the words *“blameless”* and *“righteous”* in verse 2. What are some areas of a God-follower’s life that need to conform to God’s requirement of blamelessness and righteousness?
2. If you over-heard your family, friends, or people at work talking about you, would integrity be the word that would come up? Why or why not? What needs to change?
3. Close your eyes for a few moments in two-way prayer. Ask God to show you where you are in terms of these two words. Listen for God’s answers.
4. Based on what the Holy Spirit has told you about yourself. What changes do you need to make in your conduct, your speech, your interaction with good and evil, and with your handling of your money? What changes do you need to make in these areas of integrity?

Resources:

Exposition of Psalms by H. C. Leupold

The Psalms by Elmer C. Leslie

Psalms (volume 1) by Derek Kidner

Walking with Christ in the Details of Life by: Patrick Morley

The Integrity Crisis by Warren W. Wiersbe