

## A Pastor for Every Person! ROCK GROUPS

(Evangelistic Care Groups)
ROCK GROUP DIRECTIVE

## INTEGRITY

*ICE BREAKER...* What does integrity mean to you?

What does a person of integrity look like?

I Chronicles 29 <sup>17</sup> I know, my God, that **you test the heart** and are **pleased** with **integrity** NIV

## WHAT IS INTEGRITY?

Webster's defines it as "Strict adherence to a **standard** of values or conduct."

Integrity can also be defined as "*Honesty* with oneself, God and others". (i.e. not "living a lie"). Another aspect of integrity is being *undivided* - not living life with *inconsistencies* in our own standards.

Integrity involves purity. Apostle John has asked us if we would want to drink a bottle of water labeled "99% Pure Mountain Spring Water, 1% Sewage."

Integrity does not compromise and overlook *impurity*. Integrity will cause us to confront our own sin head on, own up to it, and repent quickly. Integrity will not go on living a *double* life.

Proverbs 28 <sup>6</sup> Better is the poor man who walks in his *integrity* than he who willfully goes in *double* and wrong ways, though he is rich. AMP

Lack of integrity is a **DOUBLE** life!

Psalm 101 <sup>2</sup> I will be *careful* to live a *blameless life*... I will lead *a life of integrity* in *my own home*. NLT

Someone once said:
"If you want to know if I have integrity,
don't ask my church friends, ask my family".

## THE BLESSINGS OF INTEGRITY

**Joy** - Psalm 119 1 **Joyful** are people of **integrity**... NLT

**Protection** - Prov 2 7 (God) is a *shield* to those who walk with *integrity*. NLT

<u>Security and a Clear Conscience</u> - Proverbs 10  $^9$  The man of *integrity* walks *securely*, but he who takes crooked paths *will be found out*. NIV

(A lack of integrity will eventually reveal itself)

**A Heart Protected from Evil and Defilement** - Eph 6 <sup>14</sup> Stand therefore ...having put on the *breastplate of integrity* and of moral rectitude... AMP

**Guidance** - Proverbs 11 <sup>3</sup> The *integrity* of the upright *guides* them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their *duplicity*. NIV

<u>Blessed Children</u> - Proverbs 20  $^7$  The godly walk with *integrity*; *blessed* are their *children* who *follow* them  $_{\rm NLT}$ 

Lack of integrity brings a compromised reputation and a tarnished witness!

Prov 25  $^{26}$  Like a muddied fountain and a polluted spring is a righteous man who *yields*, *falls down*, and *compromises his integrity before the wicked*.

We have ALL *compromised* our integrity. So, we shouldn't fall into condemnation, but we should honestly confront our sin and turn from it.

It is possible to be a person of *complete integrity*, without being flawless. Jesus called John the Baptist a man of complete integrity.

John 1 <sup>47</sup> Jesus said "...here is a genuine son ... a man of *complete integrity*." NLT

Let's *pray in groups of three* that we would grow into genuine sons and daughters of complete integrity!

- ✓ Did you share the vision and mission of COTR and the Rock Groups?
- ✓ Prayer, Ministry time, and Fellowship
- ✓ Prayer for COTR Leadership
- ✓ "Empty Chair" Prayer encourage group to <u>invite</u> someone new next time
- ✓ Did everyone complete the sign-in form?
- Remember to complete the <u>online report</u> and <u>attendance</u> for the meeting soon