

## Deeper Life Notes

Confidence without Compromise,  
*Strengthening Integrity* – Judges 6:1-10  
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How would you define integrity?

Can you think of some models of integrity that quickly come to mind?

## Pray, Listen, Reflect

*Purification*

*The Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers & Devotions*  
by Arthur Bennett (Editor)

*Lord Jesus, I sin. Grant that I may never cease grieving because of it, never be content with myself, never think I can reach a point of perfection. Kill my envy, command my tongue, trample down self. Give me grace to be holy, kind, gentle, pure, peaceable, to live for Thee and not for self, to copy Thy words, acts, spirit, to be transformed into Thy likeness, to be consecrated wholly to Thee, to live entirely to Thy glory.*

*Deliver me from attachment to things unclean, from wrong associations, from the predominance of evil passions, from the sugar of sin as well as its gap; that with self-loathing, deep contrition, earnest heart searching I may come to Thee, cast myself on Thee, trust in Thee, cry to Thee, be delivered by Thee.*

*O God, the Eternal All, help me to know that all things are shadows, but Thou art substance, all things are quicksands, but Thou art mountain, all things are shifting, but Thou art anchor, all things are ignorance, but Thou art wisdom.*

*If my life is to be a crucible amid burning heat, so be it, but do Thou sit at the furnace mouth to watch the ore that nothing be lost. If I sin wilfully, grievously, tormentedly, in grace take away my mourning and give me music; remove my sackcloth and clothe me with beauty; still my sighs and fill my mouth with song, then give me summer weather as a Christian.*

## Discuss

*"Integrity is keeping a commitment even after circumstances have changed."* - David Jeremiah

Discuss any recent challenges to integrity in your life.

## Read

Judges 6:1-10

## Discuss

Notice and discuss the four truths, the four words to help us pursue and undivided devotion to God

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| <b>Truth ONE</b>   | No one has complete integrity<br><i>"The people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the Lord"</i> | Key Word = Sin          |
| <b>Truth TWO</b>   | The lack of integrity matters<br><i>"hand of Midian overpowered Israel"</i>                               | Key Word = Slavery      |
| <b>Truth THREE</b> | Helplessness is always the precursor to integrity<br><i>"Israel cried out to the Lord"</i>                | Key Word = Supplication |
| <b>Truth FOUR</b>  | The grace of God is the only means of integrity<br><i>"...the Lord sent a prophet."</i>                   | Key Word = Salvation    |

## Apply

Let us pursue the strengthening of our integrity. Consider and act on these for steps.

# 4 Action Steps

- 1** Confess my sins  
Read : Lamentations 3:40, James 5:16, Romans 14:23, James 4:10
- 2** Identify how my sin impacts myself and others  
Read: Matthew 5:23-24
- 3** Declare my helplessness  
Read: John 15:5, Romans 7:18
- 4** Demonstrate my hope in Christ alone  
Read: Ephesians 2:8-9, Philemon 1:6; 3:14

## Sing, Pray, Listen, Reflect

"In Christ Alone"

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In Christ alone my hope is found;  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all—  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied;  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day,  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory,  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine—  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home—  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.