

sermon notes

Personal Integrity as a Christian 1 Thessalonians 2:1-6 — February 18, 2024

introduction: In math, the term “integer” refers to whole numbers (1, 2, 3, etc.) — the opposite of fractions ($1\frac{1}{2}$, $2\frac{3}{4}$, etc.). Integrity refers to wholeness of character — the opposite of hypocrisy.

Personal integrity as a Christian involves:

1. Willingness to _____ suffer _____ for the Lord’s sake and to continue to proclaim the gospel boldly (1 Thessalonians 2:1-2)

supporting Scriptures: Acts 17:2-4; 1 Thessalonians 1:9
Acts 16:16-24 — suffering in Philippi
Romans 1:16

2. Not spreading error, not having impure _____ motives _____ or conduct, and not practicing deception (1 Thessalonians 2:3)

supporting Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 15:1, 3-4
Titus 2:7-8

3. Seeking to please _____ God _____ rather than people (1 Thessalonians 2:4)

supporting Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 4:2
1 Samuel 16:7
Colossians 3:23-24

4. Not _____ flattering _____ others to try to influence them, and not being greedy for financial gain while trying to cover it up (1 Thessalonians 2:5).

supporting Scriptures: 2 Timothy 2:19; Matthew 7:22-23

5. Not seeking _____ glory _____ from others, and not insisting on what you legitimately might be entitled to (1 Thessalonians 2:6)

supporting Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 10:31
1 Timothy 5:17-18
1 Thessalonians 2:9