

B. Keeping Integrity In Relationships.

(Suggested Teaching Time: 15 Minutes)

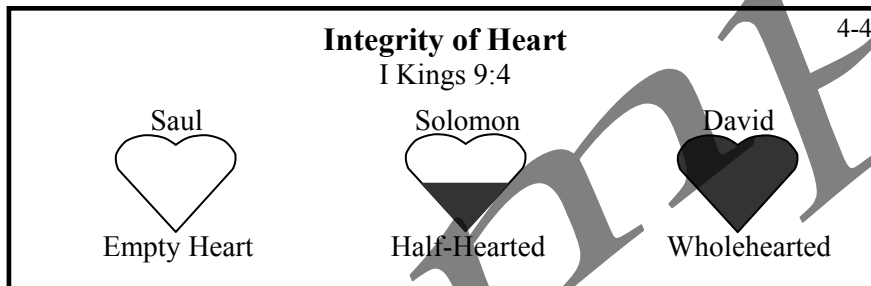
Integrity is a comprehensive word that involves several facets.

1. **Integrity means being whole or undivided.**

As for you [Solomon], if you walk before me in integrity of heart and uprightness, as David your father did... (1Ki 9:4).

Integrity comes from the word “integer,” which means a whole number, as opposed to a fraction. Integrity involves the concept of being complete, undivided, consistent, or whole.

- David had integrity, since he lived wholeheartedly for God.
- Like David, we are not to be fractured, divided, scattered, or double-minded (Jas 1:8, 4:8).



2. **Integrity means being genuine.**

These [trials] have come so your faith ... may be proved genuine (1Pt 1:7).

Integrity means that you are genuine and real, without pretense, not hypocritical, not being fake or an imitation.

- We must be genuine with others, not giving a false image.
- We must overcome the temptation of appearing bigger or better than we actually are.

3. **Integrity means being honest.**

A truthful witness gives honest testimony, but a false witness tells lies (Pr 12:17).

Integrity means that you tell the truth and avoid deception.

- We must be sincere in our thoughts, motives, and actions.
- We must not manipulate or take advantage of others.

4. **Integrity means being dependable.**

Simply let your “yes” be “yes” and your “no” be “no” ... (Mt 5:37).

Integrity means you are to be trustworthy and dependable.

- We must keep our word and do what we say we will do.
- Christians gain or lose credibility from their dependability.

5. **Integrity means being pure.**

Create in me a pure heart, Oh God ... (Ps 51:10).

Integrity means pure, clean, free from sin or guilt.

- We must live a life of high moral conduct and purity.
- We cannot be rude, coarse, or vulgar with others.

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Mention to your group that pursuing many options at the same time is being divided, or lacking integrity.

Describe examples from your life that help show each facet of integrity and show how each facet is distinct from the others.