

Fire Pit Topic February 2012: Integrity/Honesty

Definition: To be unified, complete, or undivided. To be a man of honesty instead of duplicity. The soundness of heart that is a part of a man who walks in honesty, especially in regards to his relationship with wife, his children, his work, and himself. He is a man with an undivided heart.

Fire Pit Discussion: Focus group

1. Discuss the definition and how it relates to our lives.
2. Historical References: On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of the church at Wittenberg. He did this not because he was a rebel, but because he was a man of integrity. In honesty, he could no longer stand by and watch the Catholic Church sell the grace of God, which he had discovered from scripture was a free gift through Jesus Christ. As a result, his life was in danger for years but, his integrity was the beginning of the Protestant Reformation.
3. References in the Bible:
 - a. Psalm 15
 - b. Psalm 26: 1, 11
 - c. Proverbs 10:9, 11: 3
 - d. Psalm 86: 11, unite my heart
 - e. Warning about being double-minded: Psalm 119: 113, James 1: 8, 4: 8
4. Illustrated in the life of Jesus: John 8: 31 – 47. Jesus, a man of integrity, spoke the truth.
5. Application: Questions: Have you ask God to give you an undivided heart, a heart of integrity? Where are the areas in which you need to practice more integrity?