

**May 9, 2021  
Mother's Day**

## **Home Spun Integrity**

**- Psalm 101 NLT**

**I will sing of your love and justice, Lord. I will praise you with songs. <sup>2</sup>I will be careful to live a blameless life— when will you come to help me? I will lead a life of integrity in my own home. <sup>3</sup>I will refuse to look at anything vile and vulgar. I hate all who deal crookedly; I will have nothing to do with them. <sup>4</sup>I will reject perverse ideas and stay away from every evil. <sup>5</sup>I will not tolerate people who slander their neighbors. I will not endure conceit and pride. <sup>6</sup>I will search for faithful people to be my companions. Only those who are above reproach will be allowed to serve me. <sup>7</sup>I will not allow deceivers to serve in my house, and liars will not stay in my presence. <sup>8</sup>My daily task will be to ferret out the wicked and free the city of the Lord from their grip.**

**Today I want to broaden our topic of the day to the home – your home – my home.**

- What's it like where you are?**

- Broken homes
- Happy homes
- Struggling homes
- Rebuilding homes
- Safe homes
- Troubled Homes

**What's it like where you are?**

- , the key phrase here is in verse 2 where David says, “I will lead a life of integrity in my own home.”

**1) Wow this is the David who went on his roof one day, saw a woman bathing, committed adultery, had her husband killed, and lost the child he and Bathsheba conceived. And now here he says, “I will lead a life of integrity in my home.”**

**- #1 When you fail, learn your lesson.**

- Integrity

**integrity is key to a life with God and a home that is healthy.**

**Integrity sums up all the Christ-like qualities that God wants us to exhibit in our lives.**

**A. - He wants the inside of your character to be exactly the same as the outside of your conduct.**

**B. - Having integrity means, more than anything else, you want your life to be truthful.**

- **There are many people who don't even believe objective truth exists anymore.**
- **The only thing that matters, so it seems, is what you feel, it's what we are told today. And if I feel it's true, then to me it is. Truth is relative to many people.**

**There truly is a crisis of integrity in the land today and it is never more damaging than in the home.**

**As the home goes, so goes society.**

**- #2 How to Live a Life of Integrity**

**- 1. Speak the truth plainly.**

- **- James 5:12 NLT**

**<sup>12</sup> But most of all, my brothers and sisters, never take an oath, by heaven or earth or anything else. Just say a simple yes or no, so that you will not sin and be condemned.**

- - 2 Corinthians 1:17b-19a NLT

**<sup>17</sup> You may be asking why I changed my plan. Do you think I make my plans carelessly? Do you think I am like people of the world who say “Yes” when they really mean “No”? <sup>18</sup> As surely as God is faithful, our word to you does not waver between “Yes” and “No.” <sup>19</sup> For Jesus Christ, the Son of God, does not waver between “Yes” and “No.” He is the one whom Silas, Timothy, and I preached to you, and as God’s ultimate “Yes,” he always does what he says.**

- - Matthew 5:34-37

**<sup>34</sup> But I say, do not make any vows! Do not say, ‘By heaven!’ because heaven is God’s throne. <sup>35</sup> And do not say, ‘By the earth!’ because the earth is his footstool. And do not say, ‘By Jerusalem!’ for Jerusalem is the city of the great King. <sup>36</sup> Do not even say, ‘By my head!’ for you can’t turn one hair white or**

black. <sup>37</sup> Just say a simple, ‘Yes, I will,’ or ‘No, I won’t.’

Anything beyond this is from the evil one.

## 2. Share the truth completely.

- - Proverbs 10:9 MSG

<sup>9</sup> Honesty lives confident and carefree, but Shifty is sure to be exposed.

- - Proverbs 28:23 NLT

<sup>23</sup> In the end, people appreciate honest criticism far more than flattery.

Notice the phrase. “In the end...” It may be unpleasant in the beginning, but in the end, truth is freeing and liberating.

- In the home, truth – honesty – openness has to be a priority.

Our homes must be a place where authentic Christ-likeness is the rule of everyday.

## - 3. Use the truth tactfully.

- - Ephesians 4:15 NLT

**<sup>15</sup> Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church.**

**- People change easier and faster when the truth is wrapped in love.**

- **Any truth shared without love is seen as an attack.**

- 1) **Is this really going to bring about change?**

- 2) **Am I just trying to make my point?**

- 3) **Am I being and coming across as loving or harsh and matter-of-fact?**

- 4) **How is this going to portray a Christ-like spirit?**

- 5) **And the clincher – who are you trying to benefit with what you are saying? If you're saying it for your benefit, then it's really not love.**

- **- Ephesians 4:29 AMP**

**<sup>29</sup> Do not let unwholesome [foul, profane, worthless, vulgar] words ever come out of your mouth, but only such *speech* as is good for building up others, according to**

the need *and* the occasion, so that it will be a blessing to those who hear [you speak].

- - Proverbs 12:18 NLT

<sup>8</sup>Some people make cutting remarks, but the words of the wise bring healing.

- - Intelligent people think before they speak...” Proverbs 16:23

- 4. - Live the truth consistently.

- - Ephesians 4:15 AMP

<sup>15</sup>But speaking the truth in love [in all things—both our speech and our lives expressing His truth], let us grow up in all *things* into Him [following His example] who is the Head—Christ.

- Here it is dad, mom, husband, wife, boyfriend, girlfriend...live a consistent life of integrity.

Your life should portray Jesus in all of your dealings and endeavors.

**Psalm 101:1-2 MSG**

**My theme song is God's love and justice, and I'm singing it right to you, GOD. I'm finding my way down the road of right living, but how long before you show up? I'm doing the very best I can, and I'm doing it at home, where it counts.**