

Getting to a New Level of Spiritual Integrity

These days, businesses talk a lot about integrity, but we don't hear believers talking about it. Maybe they think they already operate with integrity. But the question is, "What is integrity?"

Integrity can be defined as:¹

1. Steadfast adherence to a strict moral or ethical code.
2. The state of being unimpaired; soundness.
3. The quality or condition of being whole or undivided; completeness.

Also:²

4. The state of being integral; unimpaired extent, amount, or constitution; wholeness; completeness.
5. Unimpaired condition; soundness of state; freedom from corruption or impurity.
6. Unimpaired morality; soundness of moral principle and character; entire uprightness or fidelity.
7. Probity, uprightness, etc. See honesty.

Hmmm. There's a lot covered there under 'integrity'. Therefore, the word probably means a whole lot more than we think it does. That's to be expected, because we assess words we hear and read out of our vernacular understanding. As we do this instinctively, we often miss the intent of the words we receive.

In that respect, what would we think if Father talked to us about integrity? Would we get the full understanding that he was wanting to get across to us?

What if he mentioned 'spiritual integrity'? That's different. What would he mean by it?

Here's a recent message where he used 'spiritual integrity':

*"Internal work is still the order of the day. I will show you things about yourself that need correction. Allow this supernatural work to be done that will bring you to a new level of **spiritual integrity**. The result will be a genuine change of heart that allows My blessings to flow in your life unhindered."*³

'Integrity', 'integral' and 'integrate' all have a common root which means to 'make new' or 'make fresh'. When we have spiritual integrity, it is integral to our life as a son, it integrates us back into the standard of the Trinity where we are renewed, and it outworks in our lives as soundness, uprightness and uncorruptedness. That's why Father stated that his blessings flow into our lives unhindered when our spirituality has more integrity.

How do we get more spiritual integrity? He said that there are things about ourselves that need correction, so we must allow his supernatural work to be done in us, to change us, so we can come into a new level of spirituality. Simple. Submit to him so he can change us, and we reap the benefits that are produced.

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