

The Integrity Of The Upright Shall Guide Them

I. Introduction:

A. We know the place the word of God has in our lives (**Psalms 19:7-11, Psalms 119:9-11, Luke 4:1-4, John 6:63, II Timothy 3:15-17, II Peter 1:3-4**, etc.).

1. What happens though when we cannot think of book, chapter, and verse when in a situation?
2. What do we do when facing situations involving authorized liberties and we have to make wise choices (i.e. **I Corinthians 10:23-33**)?
3. Being careful, for a good conscience in ignorance can result in sin (**Acts 23:1** and **Acts 24:16**; cf. **Galatians 1:13**).

B. Key terms for this lesson:

1. Integrity: "Innocence" (Strong's # 8538)
2. Upright: "...straight, upright, correct, right" (Strong's # 3477).
3. Guide: "To transport (into exile, or as colonists): — bestow, bring, govern, guide, lead (forth), put, straiten..." (Strong's # 5148).

II. Body: There Are Times When You Lean Upon Your Integrity (**Proverbs 11:3-6**).

A. Righteousness can keep you in the right ways (**Proverbs 13:6**).

1. Not our own righteousness (**Proverbs 30:12, Luke 18:9-14, and Romans 10:1-3**).
2. Rather, the righteousness we have of God (**Philippians 3:7-9**).
3. The righteousness that defines us as saints (**Ephesians 4:24-5:11, II Timothy 2:22, and I John 2:29**).
4. This works, because being righteous means not sinning (**I Corinthians 15:34** and **I John 3:7-10**).

B. Think about innocence, purity (**Titus 1:15**).

1. A good conscience is connected to a pure heart (**I Timothy 1:5**).
2. Being pure brings about right works (**Proverbs 21:8**).
3. Always remembering our purity is not of us (**Titus 2:11-14**).

C. Thinking about being upright (**Proverbs 16:17** and **Proverbs 21:29**).

1. The upright find strength from the way of the Lord (**Proverbs 10:29**).
2. The result of being upright is great (**Proverbs 28:10; 28:18**).

D. Some further brief thoughts:

1. You are in a situation wherein things don't "feel right". You don't think of **Romans 14:23**, but should know that if it doesn't "feel right", don't act.
2. Being righteous, innocent, and upright will help you in times wherein "peer pressure" arises even if you're not thinking of **I Corinthians 15:33**.
3. Even the untaught "knew" some right from wrong (**Romans 2:12-15**).

III. Conclusion: **Psalms 26:1-12**