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**CORE**

**INTEGRITY**

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Wait, did we just add another core value??

# INTEGRITY

Greek: ἀδιαφθορία (adiaphthoria)

Hebrew: טוֹם (tom)

*Literal Synonyms:*

Completeness, soundness, wholeness,  
Incorruptibility, undividedness

*Figurative Synonyms:*

Purity, blamelessness, perfection

# WHAT DOES SCRIPTURE SAY?

Whoever walks in integrity walks securely,  
but he who makes his ways crooked will be found out.

*Proverbs 10:9 (ESV)*

The integrity of the upright guides them,  
but the crookedness of the treacherous destroys them.

*Proverbs 11:3 (ESV)*

# WHAT DOES SCRIPTURE SAY?

Better is a poor man who walks in his integrity  
than a rich man who is crooked in his ways.

*Proverbs 28:6 (ESV)*

Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works,  
and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, and sound speech  
that cannot be condemned...

*Titus 2:7-8 (ESV)*

# EXAMPLES OF INTEGRITY IN THE BIBLE

Well, there's Jesus...

Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him [Jesus] in his words.

They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians.

"Teacher," they said, "we know you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by men, because you pay no attention to who they are. Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"

*Matthew 22:15-17 (NIV)*

# EXAMPLES OF INTEGRITY IN THE BIBLE

And there's Daniel...

Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before. Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help.

*Daniel 6:10-11 (NIV)*

# Walking with INTEGRITY

- With God
- With our families
- In our church
- At work

# Walking with Integrity

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than a rich man who is crooked in his ways.

*Proverbs 28:6 (ESV)*

# Personal INTEGRITY

- Look out for potential compromise/corruption
- Listen to the promptings of the Holy Spirit
- Be honest about mistakes

# What if I mess up?

## Well, then there's Peter...

Peter replied, "Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will."

"I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times."

But Peter declared, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you."

And all the other disciples said the same.

*Matthew 26:33-35 (NIV)*

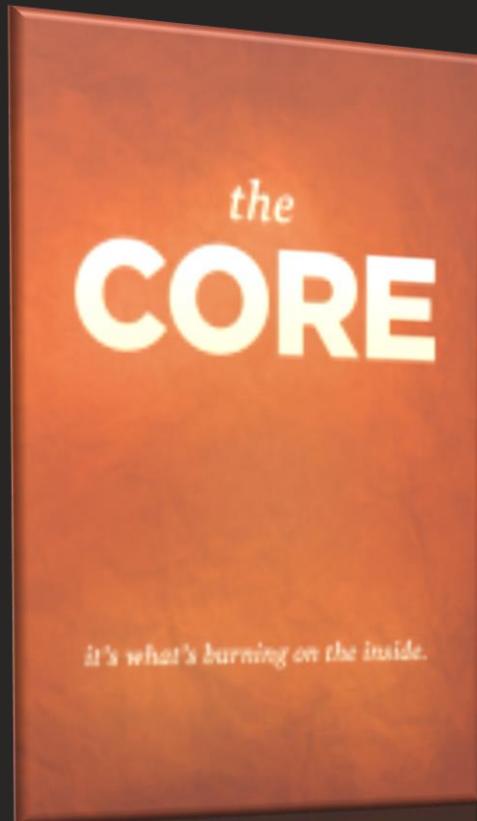
Immediately a rooster crowed. Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken: "Before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times."  
And he went outside and wept bitterly.

*Matthew 26:74-75 (NIV)*

# Church Integrity

- Remember my intro?
- Apparent integrity of Oak Ridge
- Why are we (still) here?

# Church Integrity



- Have you read it?
- Our integrity is built on our values
- Envisioning Series starts September 10<sup>th</sup>
- *Get on with it!*