

The War on Integrity
Proverbs 11:1-6

Can a Christian's integrity really preserve them?

Integrity: "Honesty and adherence to a pattern of good works, according to the word of God." (without blemish, completeness, perfection, sincerity, soundness, uprightness and wholeness)
Psalm 7:8 "...judge me, O Lord, according to my righteousness and according to my integrity."
Psalm 18:23 "I was blameless before Him, and I kept myself from guilt."
Psalm 25:21 "May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for you."
Psalm 26:1 "Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity."
Psalm 46:2 "But you have upheld me because of my integrity, and set me in your presence forever."

The Christian has been sanctified *positionally* at the moment of salvation (Rom 8:30, Heb 10:10), but we are being *progressively* sanctified from day to day (Heb 10:14). We participate in progressive sanctification.

Hebrews 12:14 "Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord."

1 Peter 1:14-16 "As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, 'You shall be holy, for I am holy.'"

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False balance: *Micah 6:10-13 "Can I forget any longer the treasures of wickedness in the house of the wicked, and the scant measure that is accursed? Shall I acquit the man with wicked scales and with a bag of deceitful weights? Your rich men are full of violence; your inhabitants speak lies, and their tongue is deceitful in their mouth. Therefore I strike you with a grievous blow, making you desolate because of your sins."*

Pride: *Revelation 3:17 "For you say, 'I am rich, I have prospered, and I ended nothing', not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind and naked."*

Crookedness/Treachery: *Psalm 55:12-13 "For it is not an enemy who taunts me - then I could bear it; it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me - then I could hide from him. But it is you, a man, my equal, my companion, my familiar friend."*

Pursuit of riches: *1 Timothy 6:10 "For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs."*

Witness to the Lost

1 Peter 2:11-12, 3:16, Titus 2:7-8, 2 Cor 4:1-2.

Walking in step with the Holy Spirit, having a good conscience, and living a life of integrity is how we can be a witness to the lost and not discredit the message of the gospel!

Announcements:

★**DONATIONS:** Please see the March Newsletter for more information about our monthly collection.

★**“IN HONOR/IN MEMORY OF” EASTER LILIES:** The Servant’s Heart Ministry is sponsoring an Easter Lily Sale again this year. Please consider purchasing an Easter Lily and dedicate your Lily in honor of or in memory of a loved one. The Easter Lilies will adorn the sanctuary for both the Good Friday and Easter Sunday services. Your purchased Lilies can be retrieved following the Easter Sunday service. The cost is \$13 for a 6 inch potted Lily. Order forms are available on the table in the Entryway. ***Please note: we are requesting that the Lilies be paid for in CASH only! Checks are highly discouraged.*** Please put your completed order forms, along with your cash payment, into the container on the Entryway table. The last day to order your Easter Lily is on Sunday, March 29th. If you have any questions, please see or contact Janelle Gordon: 740-334-0834.

★**CHURCH GAME NIGHT:** Our Monthly Church Game Night is THIS Sunday, March 22nd, at Andy’s house (1062 National Road SE; Hebron), starting at 5pm. Please bring your favorite board game or card game to play, and a food item to share with everyone. EVERYONE is invited to join us for this great time of fun and fellowship!

★**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH:** The Fellowship Lunch that was scheduled for this Sunday, March 22nd, ***has been moved to*** Sunday, March 29th. We will also be celebrating our 9th Anniversary as a Church on that Sunday.

★**MEN’S BREAKFAST:** Men, the monthly Men’s Breakfast is scheduled for THIS Saturday, March 21st, at the Big Apple Café — Log Pond location, at 7am. If you plan on attending, please let Pastor Zach know (740)618-0739.

★**EASTER SERVICES:** Easter is a great time to invite your friends, neighbors, co-workers, and loved ones to join you for church to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ!

- Good Friday Service: Friday, April 3rd, at 6:30pm. *There will be no service on Thursday, April 2nd.*
- Easter Sunday: April 5th, at 10:30am. *There will be NO Children’s Ministry available for the Easter Sunday Service.*

★**HOSPITALITY MINISTRY MEETING:** If you are currently serving in the Hospitality Ministry, or if you are interested in joining this ministry, there will be a Hospitality Ministry Meeting on Sunday, April 12th, immediately following the worship service, in the Fellowship Hall. We are always looking for and welcome helping hands and serving hearts to join this ministry! If you have any questions, please see Kathleen Riley.

★**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We are in need of volunteers to join the Children’s Ministry. As our congregation will be expanding later this year with new little additions to a few of the families within the Church Body, the Children’s Ministry will temporarily be down 8 volunteers. That means we are looking for willing Church Members to join the team! If you are currently a Church Member and if you are interested in joining the ministry or have any questions about joining the ministry, please see Katie Sapp.

★*For all other announcements, please see the March Newsletter!*

Prayer Night — Shannon and Vikki Bobb

1. Pray for us to have wisdom and vision for ministry direction.
2. Pray for unity in our staff.
3. Pray for good health and strength for daily ministry.
4. Pray for our new believers — 4 three weeks ago and 4 today, that they will grow in their faith and be firmly rooted in Christ.
5. Pray for us to be worthy of our calling and to stay focused on what has God placed in our hands.
6. Pray for our family at home.