

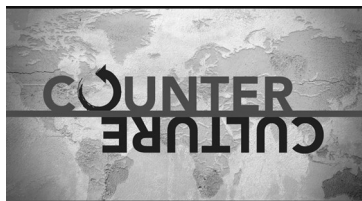
GRACE NOTES

Series: Counter Culture

Message: **Living with Integrity**

Scripture: Matthew 5:33-37

Date: Sunday, November 8, 2015



Matthew 5:33-37 --

³³ “Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.’ ³⁴ But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God’s throne; ³⁵ or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. ³⁶ And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. ³⁷ All you need to say is simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.”

If you want to make a difference in this world, then your life will have to be different from the world.

How Can I Be a Person of Integrity?

I must make a decision to be a person of integrity.

I must value God’s truth and my truthfulness.

I must be willing to let God change my heart and mind and commit to change my actions.

I must value my integrity more than money, possessions, or personal advancement.

I must do all this daily.

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STUDY NOTES

What’s the biggest lie you ever told? Did you get away with it?

Thinking back to Sunday’s message - What challenged you, encouraged you, or caused you to change the way you think or act?

How would you define integrity?

Name one person whom you believe exhibits a character of integrity.

Why do you believe people lie easily and compromise their character so regularly?

Read **Daniel 1:1-16**

What was Daniel’s situation?

What did Daniel request?

How did it turn out?

Is there anything we can learn from this situation with Daniel?

Read **Daniel 3:1-6, 13-16**

What was the situation for Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego?

What did they do when faced with the choice to compromise their faith or die?

How did it turn out?

What can we learn from these three faithful men?

When we refuse to compromise our faith, does it always turn out well?

What other biblical examples do you know of people who showed integrity in the face of difficult circumstances?

What biblical examples do you know of people who lacked integrity?

Read **James 1:17** and **Hebrews 13:8**

What do these verses tell us about the character of God?

How can we find ways to show consistency in our character?