

# DAY 15

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## TO VALUE INTEGRITY

### **1 Samuel 16:7b**

The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.

### **Proverbs 4:23**

Above all else, guard your heart. For EVERYTHING you do flows from it.

### **Matthew 5:8**

Blessed are the PURE in heart, for they will see God.

If a tree falls in a forest and no one is there to hear it, does it make a noise? Whether a noise is heard or not, the fallen tree is dead, and there is now a hole in the forest. There is impact. It has been said integrity is what you do when no one is looking. Does it matter what you do when no one is looking? Do you think there is really an impact? How about the impact on your relationship with God?

God looks at the heart. We cannot hide this from Him. The core of who we are, He knows. What we look at, think about, talk of and act on is all made clear to our Creator. Integrity is from the heart.

Poor integrity does not protect the heart; rather, it tries to destroy it and disobeys God. Good integrity protects the heart, keeps it pure, heals, and ultimately obeys God. Consistent poor integrity that disobeys God is defiance to God. It slowly builds a brick wall in between us and God until we can hardly hear Him at all. Poor integrity hinders our connection with God.

Good Integrity is not being perfect. It is humbling, repentant and obedient to God even when no one is watching.

Read more about private behaviour in **Matthew 6:5-6** and **Matthew 25:31-46**.

#### REFLECT

Do you value integrity?

Why does God choose to look at the heart of a person?

How might God use your integrity to impact the people around you?

#### PRAYER

Father, I know You can see my thoughts and know them completely. I want to be obedient to You. Allow others to see that You change me from the inside out. Set me ablaze with Your HOLY FIRE! Burn up those things that are not of You, so that Your Glory would arise upon me and bring people to Christ through me. Purify my heart with Your blood and fire so that Your love and Power would flow through me like a mighty river.

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