

Family Life
“Integrity”
Cornerstone Church of Poway
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I. Introduction:

Case Study: Jeffersonian desk

II. Big Idea: Families operate best when members live with integrity

1. Today integrity is greatly needed.
2. Integrity connects our hearts with our words and actions.
3. Simple definition: Doing what you said you would do – keeping your word.

III. Genesis 20:1-18

1. God is concerned that we be people of integrity. v. 6-7
2. Non-Christians can exhibit integrity. v. 5, 9, 16
3. Christians should live lives of integrity but often take paths of convenience not of conviction. v. 11-13
4. Integrity has far reaching consequences. v. 3, 7
5. God rewards those who live lives of integrity. v. 17-18

IV. Importance of Integrity in marriage

1. Marriage functions on the basis of integrity.
2. Integrity has high influence value in marriage.
3. Our tendency is to work harder on our image than on our integrity.
4. Integrity provides foundation for safe environment.

V. Living Lives of Integrity: Speech; Thoughts; Work

1. Building Trust

2. Trust Account

	Character	Competence	Concern
Deposit	Do what I say I will do	Do it with excellence	I care for your best interest
Withdrawal			
Balance			

3. Trust Relationships

- a. The Principle: John 13:34
“Let me give you a new command: Love one another. In the same way I loved you, you love one another. This is how everyone will recognize that you are my disciples—when they see the love you have for each other.”
- b. The Practice: Philippians 2:1-4
“...Agree with each other, love each other, be deep-spirited friends. Don’t push your way to the front; don’t sweet talk your way to the top. Put yourself aside, and help others get ahead. Don’t be obsessed with getting your own advantage. Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand.”

VI. Application

1. How can you go about cultivating a safe environment at home, small group, and church?
2. What can you do to build trust at home, work, and play?
3. What else can you do to strengthen your family life?



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- I. **Intro:** Form groups of three and have each one share something new to the group regarding relationships at his/her family.

Big Idea: Families operate best when the environment at home is safe for family members.

Families today need to cultivate a safe environment at home (starting with integrity) to provide the foundation for nurturing their family members to walk with God.

II. **Biblical Perspective on Integrity:**

A. **Definition of integrity:**

1. **In the Old Testament:**

- I Kings 9:4-- sincerity [manifesting obedience to the Lord's word-- unceasing line to rule over Israel.]
- Job 27:5-- entirety [Job 2:3, 9]
- Prov. 10:9-- uprightness [honest in his conduct]
- Prov 11:3--blameless, moral wholeness; being without moral blemish. When integrity is a way of life, it guides like a shepherd. Duplicity is the contrast (deceitful).

2. **In the New Testament:**

- Titus 2:7--completeness--an example in every good work. Paul attributed these qualifications to Titus.

B. **God is concerned that we be people of integrity (Gen. 20:1-18)**

1. Non-Christians can exhibit integrity. (v. 5)
 God did not rebuke Abimelech but gave him the sternest warning; he should not commit adultery because it was a capital offense. Chapter 12-- Egypt outside of the promised land, Chapter 20 inside the land God protected their marriage and kept His promise. No human being can thwart the plan of God.
2. Christians should live lives of integrity (Dan 1:8, 3:12) but often take paths of convenience not of conviction. (v. 11-13)
3. Integrity is a life and death issue. (v. 3, Daniel 6:6-11)
 v. 3,7 Sarai sister--lied; "you are good as dead"--heavy phrase to reckon. Abimelech assured God of His innocence.
4. God rewards those who live lives of integrity (v. 17)
 He answers prayer.

III. **The importance of Integrity in marriage**

1. Marriage functions on the basis of integrity.
 In order to lead your family, the husband must have their confidence.
 How can your family respect and trust you more?

2. Integrity has high influence value in marriage.
e.g. Karl Marx upon seeing his father change his religion on the basis of getting more customers when they went to a new town decided he did not want to have anything to do with religion.

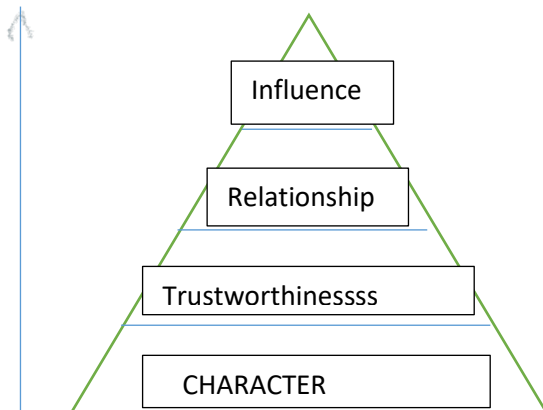
What are some values that your family hold tightly to?

3. Our tendency is to work harder on our images than on our integrity.
e.g. Great wall of China. China was invaded three times and each time they bribed a gatekeeper and then marched right through the gates. They were so busy relying on the walls of stone they forgot to teach integrity to their children. Image promises much but produces little.

How can you consistently be intentional about teaching integrity to your family members, small group members, church members, etc.?

IV. How can we live lives of integrity:

- A. **Speech:** Speaking the Truth
Ephesians 4:15 - But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:
1 John 3:18 - My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue but in deed and in truth.
John 8:32 - And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.
- B. **Thoughts:** Purity of Motives – Golden rule; looking at others as more important than ourselves. Phil 2: 3-4
- C. **Work:** Sincerity/Completeness of work
Complete tasks, faithful stewards of a job; seeing a project to completion, what does it take to complete the job--do it. Colossians 3:23
- D. **Base of integrity** ---->trust ---->relationships
---->influence



When does God have the greatest influence in your life?

Questions ? ? ?

Based on this diagram, how can you have greater and greater influence on members of your family?

What can you do to strengthen your relationships with members of your small group, church, work, and family?