

Study/Discussion Questions

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. ² Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.” Romans 12:1,2

1. “Integrity” essentially means to live an integrated life. Where do you find yourself tempted to compartmentalize your life, living by one set of standards in one setting, while living by a somewhat different set of standards in other arenas of life?

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?” ² The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³ but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’” ⁴ “You will not surely die,” the serpent said to the woman. ⁵ “For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” Genesis 3:1-5

2. The first key step to living a life of integrity is to know right from wrong. Consider Adam and Eve. They were **not** being tempted as to whether or not God was **real**, but as to whether or not He was **right**. They were given a clearly communicated, specific command with specific consequences clearly laid out, yet they fell to temptation. What were the key elements in undermining their faith? Relate that to temptations you face today, specifically in the areas of absolutes and values.

“You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above, or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them.” Exodus 20

3. In the Book of Daniel, chapter 3, we meet Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. These three young men were willing to die painful deaths rather than forsake the commandment of God. There is something in the soul of most of us that resonates with such conviction in much the same way as a well tuned note is appreciated by the one who has ears to hear it. What is it that resonates in you when you encounter people of godly conviction? (Look at Philippians 3:12-14 to give you one perspective in framing your response.)

“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.” Matthew 7:24

4. Once you know what is right, the next task is to do what is right. What do you find most helpful in aiding you to do what is right?