### SERMON NOTES

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Integrity

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Proverbs 1:7

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge;

fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 9:10

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,

and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

Duplicity: Speaking or acting in two different ways to different people concerning the same matter. The state or quality of having two elements or parts; being twofold or double.

Integrity: A life of wholeness.

**Duplicity: A life of contradicting parts.** 

Proverbs 11:3b (NIV)

...The unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity.

Proverbs 20:17

Bread gained by deceit is sweet to a man,

but afterward his mouth will be full of gravel.

Proverbs 10:9b

He who makes his ways crooked will be found out.

The getting of treasures by a lying tongue

is a fleeting vapor and a snare of death.

## 1. Integrity begins with the fear of the Lord.

Proverbs 14:2

Whoever walks in uprightness fears the LORD,

but he who is devious in his ways despises him.

Fear of the LORD: Awe and reverence for our loving Father demonstrated in a life of wisdom.

Wisdom: Embracing the truths of God's Word and learning the skills of living out biblical truth in everyday life.

### 2. Integrity provides protection.

Proverbs 28:18

Whoever walks in integrity will be delivered,

but he who is crooked in his ways will suddenly fall.

Proverbs 10:9

Whoever walks in integrity walks securely,

but he who makes his ways crooked will be found out.

Proverbs 2:7b

[God] is a shield to those who walk in integrity.

### 3. Integrity provides the life road map.

Proverbs 11:3

The integrity of the upright guides them,

but the crookedness of the treacherous destroys them.

## Proverbs 16:17

The highway of the upright turns aside from evil;

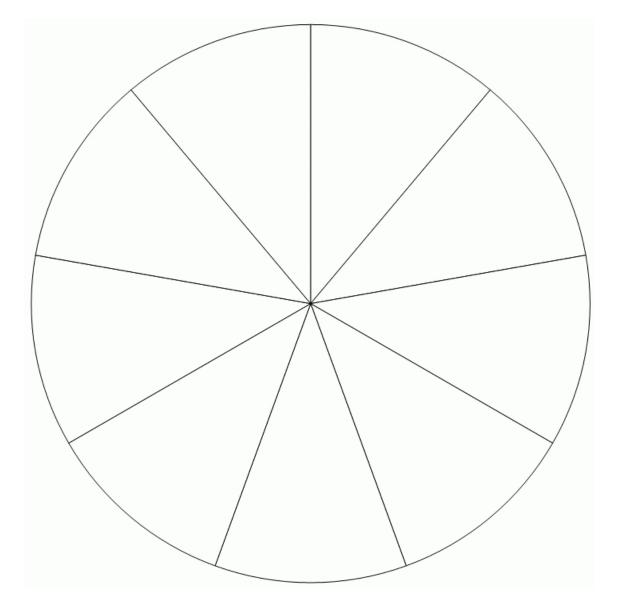
whoever guards his way preserves his life.

# 4. Integrity leaves a legacy.

Proverbs 20:7

The righteous who walks in his integrity—

blessed are his children after him!



### **INTEGRITY = WHOLENESS**

#### Fear of the LORD

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### Wisdom

Proverbs 4:7a

The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom....

Proverbs 24:3-4

By wisdom a house is built,

and by understanding it is established;

by knowledge the rooms are filled

with all precious and pleasant riches.

## **Humility**

Proverbs 16:18

Pride goes before destruction,

and a haughty spirit before a fall.

#### Resources

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Proverbs 3:9-10
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Honor the LORD with your wealth

and with the firstfruits of all your produce;

then your barns will be filled with plenty,

and your vats will be bursting with wine.

## Relationships

Proverbs 27:17

Iron sharpens iron,

and one man sharpens another.

### **Purity**

Proverbs 5:18-19

Let your fountain be blessed,

and rejoice in the wife of your youth,

a lovely deer, a graceful doe.

Let her breasts fill you at all times with delight;

be intoxicated always in her love.

#### **Emotions**

Proverbs 17:27b

He who has a cool spirit is a man of understanding.

#### Words

Proverbs 10.19

When words are many, transgression is not lacking,

but whoever restrains his lips is prudent.

Proverbs 25:11

A word fitly spoken

is like apples of gold in a setting of silver.

#### Work

Proverbs 6:6-8

Go to the ant, O sluggard;

consider her ways, and be wise.

Without having any chief,

officer, or ruler,

she prepares her bread in summer

and gathers her food in harvest.