



Highest Integrity

DANIEL 6

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WARMING UP

1. What does the word “integrity” mean? What individual(s)—from your relational circle, from society at large, or from the Bible—do you perceive to live with integrity?
2. What are some of the most obvious evidences in our culture of a lack of integrity?

DIGGING IN

When you are a believer of the highest integrity . . .

3. *You stand out in the crowd (v. 1-3).*
 - Why does Daniel stand out among the leaders of Darius’ kingdom? What phrases are used to describe him?
 - Is standing out in the crowd something that we should intentionally pursue, or should it happen by default? Why? Have you ever stood out in the crowd because of a pattern of integrity? What happened?
 - Pastor Todd highlighted five necessary qualities of a Harvest leader. What are they? What do they refer to? How are these reflective of a person of integrity?
4. *You have a clear conscience (v. 4-5).*
 - When the other leaders seek “to find a ground for complaint against Daniel,” what is their assessment of him? Does this mean that Daniel is perfect? How do these truths mesh? What is it that enables Daniel’s conscience to be clear?
 - What must we do in order to have a clear conscience? What is the relationship between our integrity and Christ’s integrity? Is your conscience clear?
5. *You are consistent in every way (v. 6-20).*
 - How does Daniel remain consistent? Would it have been wrong for him to alter his typical practice? Why? How does Daniel respond to his accusers? How is this like Jesus’ dealings with Pilate? What is the principle in this for us?
 - Discuss the importance of maintaining consistency (a) in our convictions and conduct and (b) in private and public. Unpack how these pairings work together. Why is this so difficult to live out?
 - Pastor Todd said, “The true test of a belief comes when suffering or sacrifice are required.” Do you agree or disagree? Why? Have you experienced this? Why does the pursuit of integrity not guarantee just treatment? What illustrations of this can you think of?
6. *You trust God for vindication (v. 21-28).*
 - What reason does Daniel offer for his amazing preservation and prosperity? How is he vindicated in the story?
 - What is our natural tendency when it comes to vindication? Why is it so difficult to entrust this to God? What theological truths, if we believe them, help to foster an attitude of trust? What different would it make if the Daniel story ended with him being torn to shreds by the lions? What are the implications of this for you?

BREAKING OUT

7. To what degree are you a man or woman of integrity? What would it take to raise the level? Remind one another that your integrity is based on Christ’s highest integrity.