

# Truth and Integrity

## 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Moral relativism tells us that there is no such thing as absolute t\_\_(truth)\_\_\_\_\_.  
What I believe is as good as what you believe.

God calls us to i\_\_\_\_\_(integrity)\_\_\_\_\_ His absolute truth into our lives.

God calls us to live with integrity toward G\_(God)\_\_, s\_\_(self)\_\_, and o\_\_(others)\_\_\_\_\_.

How would you define integrity?

Read 1 Kings 11:9-12. Solomon knew God's truth and seemed to walk in that truth when he first became king. What were the consequences of Solomon turning his heart away from God, disobeying God's commandments, and following after other gods?

What "kingdom" could we lose by not living with integrity toward God, self and others?

What are some actions that could cause me to "lose my kingdom"?

One of the benefits of biblical integrity is inner peace. How does this affect your life?

Summarize Acts 5:1-11. How did Ananias and Sapphira show a lack of integrity?

Their consequence was immediate death. How else might judgment come?

Dedication to truth is one of the great needs in the church today and is a huge principle in God's Word. Ephesians 4:15 ...**we will hold to the truth in love**, becoming more and more in every way like Christ, who is the head of His body, the church. Think of an example where you or someone else spoke the truth in love (like Mr. Green) and how it affected the people involved.

What happens when truth and love are not used together?

Summarize 1 Corinthians 8:1-13. Verses 12-13 And you are sinning against Christ when you sin against other Christians by encouraging them to do something they believe is wrong. If what I eat is going to make another Christian sin, I will never eat meat again as long as I live—for I don't want to make another Christian stumble.

Think of a present day example of this principle in the church.

Read John 14:15-17. Who helps us to discern the truth?

How the Holy Spirit works in our lives:

John 14:17

John 14:26

John 16:8

John 16:13-14

Six principles from Psalms and Proverbs: God, the community and the church are watching us.

1. Psalm 15:4
2. Proverbs 11:1
3. Proverbs 12:22
4. Proverbs 20:6
5. Proverbs 20:10
6. Proverbs 20:17

Consider the following questions to help in developing your own personal biblical convictions:

**Is it healthy?** 1 Cor. 6:12, 19-20 Is this activity healthy for me as an ambassador of Christ?

**Is it obedient?** 1 Cor. 6:12 Will it get control of me, or lessen Christ's control of me?

**Is it loving and responsible?** 1 Cor. 8:8-12; Romans 14:15. Could this action cause me or other believers to stumble?

**Is it edifying to me and other believers?** Col. 3:17; Can I do this activity in the name of Jesus, knowing that it is according to His word and will strengthen my walk with God? Will it strengthen other believers in Christ? Can I thank God for it with a clear conscience?