

Integrity versus Character

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Scripture References:

- 1 Kings 9:4
- Proverbs 10:9
- Proverbs 28:6
- Proverbs 11:3
- Genesis 20:1-6
- Daniel 1:8
- Romans 5:3, 4, *NLT*
- Proverbs 23:7
- 1 Corinthians 15:33
- Philippians 4:8
- 2 Peter 1:5, 6, *NLT*
- Proverbs 4:23, *NLT*
- 1 Corinthians 15:33, *NLT*
- Titus 2:7, 8, *NLT*

Summary:

*As Christians, we need to know the difference between integrity and character. Integrity adheres to a code of conduct; believers live specifically by the principles of God's Word. By comparison, good character is shown by **doing** the right thing simply because it is right; the difference between the two is action.*

Notes:

1. Our character is a reflection of our integrity; godly integrity gives us good results in life. Walking uprightly is a sign of integrity.
2. Adversity can develop our character; our character influences the direction of our lives.
3. God allows certain trials in our lives to develop our character. Sometimes going through something strengthens our character so that we'll do the right thing.
4. Four ways to develop character include controlling our thoughts, practicing Christian virtues, guarding our hearts, and keeping good company.

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