

The Integrity Question

Better Decisions, Fewer Regrets - Part 2

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“A prudent person foresees danger and takes precautions. The simpleton goes blindly on and suffers the consequences.” Proverbs 27:12 (NLT)

Q#1 - The Integrity Question: Am I being honest with myself... Really?

You are a sucker for you.

“The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is?” Jeremiah 17:9 (NLT)

“There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death.” Proverbs 16:25 (NLT)

“Those who trust their own insight are foolish, but anyone who walks in wisdom is safe.” Proverbs 28:26 (NLT)

“Fools think their own way is right, but the wise listen to others.” Proverbs 12:15 (NLT)

*“The woman was **convinced**. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she **wanted** the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too.” Genesis 3:6 (NLT)*

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Many times we need help answering honestly:

- **We need to ask a friend who will tell us the truth.**

“Wounds from a sincere friend are better than many kisses from an enemy.” Proverbs 27:6 (NLT)

- **We need advice from someone who has been here before.**

“Plans go wrong for lack of advice; many advisers bring success.” Proverbs 15:22 (NLT)

- **We need accountability.**

“⁹Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. ¹⁰If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble.” Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 (NLT)

- **We need to pray and seek God.**

“The Lord says, ‘I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you.’” Psalm 32:8 (NLT)

Would you be honest with yourself?

You owe it to yourself to tell yourself the truth.

Hearing the truth can hurt, but it's way less painful than being deceived and continuing down the wrong path.

Courage is the difference between knowing what to do and actually doing it.

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*“⁵Trust in the Lord with all your heart; **do not depend on your own understanding.** ⁶Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take.” Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT)*