



Christianity In Real Life

The Practical Value of Integrity

Luke 6:41-42

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1. Live _____ (v.41)

41 Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?

42 How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye. (ESV)

2. Anticipate _____ (v.42a, c)

3. Enjoy _____ (v.42b)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Matthew 6:5**. How can a concern about what other people think of you lead to the sin of hypocrisy?
2. Read **Proverbs 5:21** and **Hebrews 4:13**. How can an awareness of the truth in these two passages help you steer away from the temptation and sin of hypocrisy?
3. Read **Acts 24:16** and **2 Corinthians 1:12**. In your own words, describe the experience of *not* possessing a "clear conscience" and what practical difference it makes when you do or don't have one?
4. Read **Titus 2:7-8** and **1 Peter 2:15**. What value does integrity have even in those situations when people persist in stubbornly opposing us because of our message and our alliance with Christ?
5. Read **2 Corinthians 6:14 – 7:1**. What things in your life come to mind when you read of the incongruous aspects of worldliness and godliness? How do the promises of familial closeness with God motivate you to take steps to "cleanse yourself" from those things?

The CBC Bible Reading Schedule for this Week:

Go to ESV.org (Reading Plans: Through the Bible) for schedule prompts.

February 16th

Lev.22-23 & Mk.1:1-22

February 17th

Lev.24-25 & Mk.1:23-45

February 18th

Lev.26-27 & Mk.2

February 19th

Num.1-2 & Mk.3:1-21

February 20th

Num.3-4 & Mk.3:22-35

February 21st

Num.5-6 & Mk.4:1-20

February 22nd

Num.7 & Mk.4:21-41

February 23rd

Num.8-10 & Mk.5:1-20

The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. # 12-15 – **A Map for Mountain Climbers**

Msg. # 11-35 – **Keeping a Clear Conscience**

Msg. # 09-10 – **Highly Committed Participants: Serving God with Excellence**

Msg. # 09-11 – **Real Love: Its Biblical Dimensions**

Msg. # 09-34 – **Confronting the Enemy Within**

Msg. # 07-01 – 07-05 – **A Closer Relationship with God** (a five-part series)

Msg. # 02-29 – 02-33 – **People Who Make a Difference** (a five-part series on leadership)

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Bennett, Arthur. **The Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers & Devotions**. Banner of Truth, 1997.

Bonhoeffer, Dietrich. **The Cost of Discipleship**. SCM Press Ltd., 1959.

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Packer, J. I. **A Quest for Godliness**. Crossway Books, 1994.

Reed, Gerard. **C. S. Lewis Explores Vice and Virtue**. Beacon Hill Press, 2001.

Ryle, J. C. **Holiness: It's Nature, Hindrances, Difficulties and Roots**. Reprint. Charles Nolan Publishers, 2001.

Sproul, R. C. **The Mystery of the Holy Spirit: Discover the Work of the Living Spirit of the Living God**. Tyndale, 1990.

Swindoll, Charles. **Improving Your Serve: The Art of Unselfish Living**. Reprint. Word, 2002.

Thoennes, K. Eirk. **Godly Jealousy: A Theology of Intolerant Love**. Christian Focus Publications, 2005.

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Tozer, A. W. **The Pursuit of God**. Reprint. Christian Publications, 1982.

Venning, Ralph. **The Sinfulness of Sin**. Reprint. Banner of Truth, 1997.

Walvoord, John. **The Holy Spirit: A Comprehensive Study of the Person and Work of the Holy Spirit**. Zondervan, 1991.