

Integrity: The Ten Commandments and the Golden Rule (Chap 3)

Executive Summary:

- Single most important attribute in business is integrity
 - Integrity & trust are linchpins that hold business together
- Even more important for a Christian to have integrity; our actions reflect on God
- Integrity important to God - Bible says so much about it; for examples:
 - Joseph (tempted to commit adultery & didn't)
 - Job ("man of complete integrity" Job 1:8)
 - David (failed w/ Bathsheba/Uriah but made a comeback)
 - Proverbs (10:9 & 11:3)
 - Suggestion: Read 1 chapter of proverbs per day for a month; repeat
- Standard of Integrity:
 - 1) Ten Commandments; particularly last four; No adultery, steal, lie, covet
 - 2) Golden Rule; do to others what you would have them do to you
- PepsiCo example:
 - both good for business & the right thing to do
- Doing the right thing even when it hurts; put money where mouth is
- Can't behave way out of situation you believed yourself into
- BELIEF DETERMINES BEHAVIOR
 - Therefore, change behavior by changing beliefs - Heart Transformation
- WORKING DEFINITION OF INTEGRITY:
 - 1:1 correlation between my Bible, my belief and my behavior
- Understanding the difference between dishonesty & poor judgment
 - list of questions pg 49-50
- How can we respond when we fail to live up to 10 commandments & Golden Rule?
 - 1) Self-examination
 - 2) Cease and desist (change behavior)
 - 3) Make restitution
 - 4) Commit to obedience without seeking a reward
 - need the Holy Spirit
- Being a part of a small group provides checks and balances you will get no other way
 - openness, honesty and accountability
 - trust must be a foundation, being open includes being vulnerable
 - Brothers in Christ, working to restore each other, holding each other accountable to higher standards (10 Commandments & Golden Rule)