



Imitate Jesus: Integrity

Sunday 12th March Unity Hill (Benji)

1. THE INTEGRITY OF JESUS

- Questioned by the Pharisees (eg. Matt 9:10-13; 12:1-8; 12:24-28; 15:1-9)
- 'Rhema': word-deed of Jesus
- Jesus "committed no sin" (1 Peter 2:22, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Hebrews 4:15, 1 John 3:5)

2. JESUS CALLS FOR INTEGRITY

- rails against hypocrisy (Matt 23)
- compares the prayer of a Pharisee with a blood traitor- tax collector (Luke 18:9-14)
- "let the outside match the inside" (Luke 11:34-36)

3. BUILDING A LIFE OF INTEGRITY

"the word of God is ...sharper than the two-edged sword...he is the one to whom we are accountable." **Hebrews 4:12-13**

A. Integrity Diagnostic

- Do we wear masks?
- Do we do things in secret?
- What do others say about us in different circles?
- Are we honest to God?
- Do we live out the words of the songs we sing (is God really is our refuge, comfort and trust)?

B. Stamping out hypocrisy

- Change behavior (and our hearts)?
- Change what we say about ourselves?
- Change both?

Use **John Wesley's Holy Club 22 questions** as a guide:

1. Am I consciously or unconsciously creating the impression that I am better than I really am? In other words, am I a hypocrite?

2. Am I honest in all my acts and words, or do I exaggerate?

3. Do I confidentially pass on to others what has been said to me in confidence?

4. Can I be trusted?

5. Am I a slave to dress, friends, work or habits?

6. Am I self-conscious, self-pitying, or self-justifying?

7. Did the Bible live in me today?

8. Do I give the Bible time to speak to me every day?

9. Am I enjoying prayer?

10. When did I last speak to someone else of my faith?

11. Do I pray about the money I spend?

12. Do I get to bed on time and get up on time?

13. Do I disobey God in anything?

14. Do I insist upon doing something about which my conscience is uneasy?

15. Am I defeated in any part of my life?

16. Am I jealous, impure, critical, irritable, touchy or distrustful?

17. How do I spend my spare time?

18. Am I proud?

19. Do I thank God that I am not as other people, especially as the Pharisees who despised the publican?

20. Is there anyone whom I fear, dislike, disown, criticize, hold a resentment toward or disregard? If so, what am I doing about it?

21. Do I grumble or complain constantly? **22.** Is Christ real to me?