## Live with Integrity **Questions**

#### **Getting Started**

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.

# Live with Integrity Series: Life Lessons

Sunday April 9, 2017

"Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is known by its fruit. You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. The good person out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil."

Matthew 12:33–35 ESV

Integrity, or the lack of it, is revealed through my choices!

#### **Integrity Flows from Who I Am**

"but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives."

John 8:1 ESV

"Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them."

John 8:2 ESV

Sow a thought, reap an action, Sow an action, reap a lifestyle, Sow a lifestyle reap eternity!

Definition: Fickle—changing frequently, especially as regards one's loyalties, interests, or affection.

"The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst" John 8:3 ESV

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#### **Reasons to Question Integrity:**

## **1. Incomplete Facts**—Where is the guy?

"they said to him, "Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery." John 8:4 ESV

### **2. Abuse of Scripture** Why are they handling it this way?

""Now in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?""

John 8:5 ESV

"And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly." Matthew 1:19 ESV

### **3. Reputation** What is their track record?

"This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him." John 8:6a ESV

"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? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye."

Matthew 7:3–5 ESV

# A Person Lacking Integrity Cannot Be Trusted, a Person of Integrity Can Be Trusted.

#### Jesus Response

"Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground."

John 8:6 ESV

"And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.""

John 8:7 ESV

# A Person of Integrity does not Badger others, they present the Truth.

"And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him."

John 8:8–9 ESV

"Jesus stood up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.""

John 8:10–11 ESV

"For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

John 3:17 ESV

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