



## “Integrity Causes Faithfulness in the Kingdom”

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**Texts: Psalm 25:21, Psalm 26:1-6, Psalm 31:23, Luke 12:42-48, Luke 16:12**

It's becoming more and more difficult to find people in the church who consistently serve with Faithfulness. So many are not faithful to God in their relationship with Him and therefore can't be faithful to the local church and vision God has set them in. In fact without Integrity, people can't produce or demonstrate faithfulness.

Notice what David says about Integrity.

**Psalm 25:21 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I wait on thee.**

**Psalm 26:1 Judge me, O Lord; for I have walked in mine integrity: I have trusted also in the Lord; therefore I shall not slide.**

**2: Examine me, O Lord, and prove me; try my reins and my heart.**

**3: For thy lovingkindness is before mine eyes: and I have walked in thy truth.**

**4: I have not sat with vain persons, neither will I go in with dissemblers.**

**5: I have hated the congregation of evil doers; and will not sit with the wicked.**

**6: I will wash mine hands in innocency: so will I compass thine altar, O Lord:**

David is clearly declaring that he has been upright, pure in his service to God, and in removing himself from those who lack integrity in the church and don't serve faithfully. Those who have Godly integrity can't afford to mingle with those who don't because they can become contaminated by them.

Look at what David says God will do for those who have Godly integrity and produce Faithfulness in their service in the local church and its vision given to the Sr. Pastor or Visionary.

**Psalm 31:23 O love the Lord, all ye his saints: for the Lord preserveth the faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer.**

Also what Solomon says about how hard it is to find people that operate in their service in the local church and the Kingdom of God with Faithfulness.

**Proverbs 20:6 Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but a faithful man who can find?**

**Proverbs 25:19 Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble is like a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint.**

Let's define Integrity and Faithfulness

Integrity is the Hebrew word **tome** meaning

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moral innocence, uprightness. Dictionary defines as: The quality of being honest, and having strong moral principles, moral uprightness, sincerity, truthfulness, sincerity, trustworthiness.

Let's define faithfulness or faithful. The root word original Hebrew **ay moon**-trustworthiness, reliability.

English dictionary- true, devoted, constant, loyal, stability, dependable, unswerving adherence, to a person or thing or to the oath or promise by which a promise or commitment was made or pledged.

This is what God's people are supposed to be like to the local church, and the Sr. Pastor that has the vision for the church so no one perishes like Proverbs 29:18 says happens when there is no vision or loyalty to it. When God's people have and practice integrity it enables them to produce faithfulness to God and the local church and Sr. Pastor's vision.

It takes Integrity to Cause Faithfulness to operate in your life so you can be Faithful to the vision of another person such as your Sr. Pastor and the vision they have. When you are Faithful to them and their vision, God will eventually reward you with success in your own vision.

**Luke 16:12 And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?**

When enough people demonstrate Integrity and Faithfulness to the vision of the local church, unity comes and the Psalm 133:1-3 commanded blessings come on the entire unified congregation.

The purpose of this teaching is to convict and convince the congregation that God is calling all of them to Integrity, honesty, loyalty, sincerity, and Faithfulness to what He has called the local church to do. We must convince them to attend, volunteer, and serve the vision of the local church faithfully so that we can experience the favour of God, the growth, and the healings, miracles, and the victories that come to all of us from doing so.

We must cause them to see that God doesn't want Sunday only spectators but believers that attend consistently and faithfully and volunteer themselves to serve and support the vision to win people to the vision. Psalm 27:4-6, Psalm 122:1, and Hebrews 10:25, all prove that God is calling everyone to attend, and serve as often as possible.

Stay in the time allotted on the clock. Elder Vinson will conduct the alter call and closing

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when you finish. You can join him in praying for those who come to the altar.

Try to convince the congregation that being faithful to the vision and on one accord causes the power, anointed, and energy the early church had to be present among us along with the divine healings and healings. A good scriptural example of this is found in Acts 5:12-16, with n by them all being unified on one accord in faithfulness every person got healed miraculously.

**Acts 5:12 And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch.**

**13: And of the rest durst no man join himself to them: but the people magnified them.**

**14: And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.)**

**15: Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them.**

**16: There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they**

**were healed every one.**

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