

EXTREME MAKEOVER

Honest to God! A Study of Matthew 5:33-37

“Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not break your oath, but keep the oaths you have made to the Lord.’ But I tell you, Do not swear at all: either by heaven, for it is God’s throne; or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. Simply let your ‘Yes’ be ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No,’ ‘No’; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.

Five Benefits of Integrity

First, self-_____.

Proverbs 10:9 “The man of integrity walks securely, but he who takes crooked paths will be found out.”

Second, a closer _____ with God.

Psalms 15, “Lord, who may dwell in your sanctuary? Who may live on your holy hill?”

Proverbs 12:22 (NASB), “Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord, but those who deal faithfully are his delight.”

Third, exerting moral _____ where you work

Philippians 2:15, “[B]ecome blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe.”

Fourth, an effectiveness in _____.

Titus 2:9-10, “Teach slaves to be subject to their masters in everything, to try to please them, not to talk back to them, and not to steal from them, but to show that they can be fully trusted, so that in every way they will make the teaching about God our Savior attractive.”

Fifth, a _____ for the next generation.

Proverbs 20:7 (TEV), “Children are fortunate if they have a father who is honest and does what is right.”