

Ebenezer Youth Fellowship  
 Building a Christian Life Without Compromise (7) – With Fear & Trembling  
 Text: Philippians 2:12-13

Essentials of Integrity	Examples of Integrity	Conduct of Integrity
To know Christ intimately	Daniel – An uncompromising life (Fire & Lion)	With fear & trembling
		Render unto God
A commitment to the Word of God	Paul – His integrity and humility	Responsibilities of personal holiness
A desire to live a godly life		Obligations of practical holiness

1. Beware of Hypocrisy – pretending to possess integrity
  - a) A hypocrite (Greek: *hupokrites*) originally was an actor in ancient Greek plays who wore a mask that exaggerated his particular role.
  - b) The Lord Jesus condemns hypocrisy (Mark 7:6-7).
  - c) Scriptures condemn hypocrisy (Amos 5:21-23; 1 Tim 4:1-2).

**Hypocrisy is dangerous because it is deceptive. It often uses good things for evil purposes.**

2. Conduct of Integrity to avoid hypocrisy: Fear and Trembling (Phil 2:12)
  - a) “Work out” means “to continually work to bring something to completion”.
  - b) By consistent effort and diligence, we are to work out and perfect in daily conduct of integrity before God – active pursuit of obedience (Rom 6:19).
  - c) The attitude to pursue godly integrity is with fear and trembling. It is a healthy fear of sinning against God. There should be trembling whenever we consider the consequences of sin.
  - d) Such fear and trembling is a proper response to our weaknesses and inadequacies (Isa 66:1-2).
3. Conduct of Integrity to avoid hypocrisy: God working in us (Phil 2:13)
  - a) God working in us to cause us “to will and to work” – the Lord wants to energise our desires and our actions. Psalm 100:3.
  - b) “To will” – God moves our desires with a righteous discontent with our present spiritual state (Rom 7:24) and gives us a holy aspiration (1 Pet 1:16).
  - c) “To work” – God working in us to do deeds for His good pleasure (satisfaction). Eph 3:20.

Discussion Questions:

1. When you serve God, do you struggle to want to be noticed by people?
2. What is your attitude when you face sin in your life? Do you experience fear and trembling?