

Looking ahead...

Next week, we will be thinking about the theme of ***Diversity*** while focusing on Paul's time in Greece. Jesus *lived life* with people who had *diverse* thoughts and ideas. He *loved* people with opposing *viewpoints and ideas*. How can we follow in His steps and do the same? In a country & world that is becoming increasingly polarized, we need to rise above that and learn to live around others with *diverse* opinions. As Christians, we cannot shy away from sharing the truth of God's Word but we also must avoid living in an 'echo chamber'. We will be focusing on Paul's speech to the Greeks recorded in Acts 17.

Readings to prepare for next week:

___DAY 1 (October 21): *Ephesians 4:17-32*

___DAY 2 (October 22): *Romans 12:9-21*

___DAY 3 (October 23): *1 Peter 3:8-17*

___DAY 4 (October 24): *1 Corinthians 10:23-33*

___DAY 5 (October 25): *2 Corinthians 2:5-11; 14-17*

___DAY 6 (October 26): *Acts 17:16-34*



Integrity

Week Seven

During the week beginning with Sunday, October 20, we will be considering the theme of ***Integrity*** while focusing on Titus and Job. There are many examples in the Bible of people who struggled with *integrity* as we very easily can today. As we think about *integrity*, we are going to see it is a vital part of a 'consistent' Christian's life. We can't be witnesses to the good news of Jesus Christ without having *integrity* in our lives. If we lack *integrity*, we can bring shame on ourselves that impacts the ability to be followers of Jesus Christ. God's Word shows us what it means to have *integrity* and be the kind of people that no one can shame.

Making it personal...

Which observation(s) from Sunday's sermon impacted you personally?

(1. Having Integrity means actions and words 'match up', treating others with dignity. 2. Having Integrity means living consistently, taking a stand in all circumstances. 3. Having Integrity preserves and waits on God, because there are eternal rewards and high stakes.)

How can you personally 'apply' those in your coming week?

What gets in the way of you having *integrity*? Money? Power? Family? Unmet expectations? Your job? Why does it get in the way?

When you look at Job's life, what part do you identify with? Why do you identify with it? (His wife and friends told him to curse God-why didn't he?)

At what point in your life did you struggle most with your 'walk matching your talk'?

Read (and consider memorizing) Psalm 41:12. How does the promise given in that verse encourage you? How can you use this as an encouragement in your family, school/work, and community circles?

In which circle do you struggle most with having *integrity*? (In your family, school/work, or community?) Why do you think that is? What steps can you take to be a better model of "good works and teaching" (from Titus)?

Think about at least one person in each of your 3 life circles who needs you to display integrity. (This may involve going to them and admitting failure; or talking to your spouse, friends, or kids about desiring to be a person of integrity; or changing how you relate to others in some way.) Write his/her initials and jot down one step you can take this coming week. (You can also use the space below to write some specific ways you can pray for the others in your "SonLight Circle" to grow in *integrity*.)

*In your 'family circle':

*In your 'school/work circle':

*In your 'community circle':