

Integrity, Honor, and Blessing
Proverbs 11:1-31

Our culture has fooled itself into thinking that we can separate our beliefs from our actions. We think religious things can be confined to religion and that non-religious things are morally neutral. The whole idea of separation of church and state has morphed into separation of the sacred and secular.

1. The integrity of the upright provides _____.
2. A gracious person will value _____.
3. Blessing comes to those who are _____.

When we embrace Christ as Savior, we acknowledge Him as Lord, and we give Him authority over every aspect of our lives. With Jesus, there is no separation of the sacred and the secular. He expects our entire being to be completely integrated according to His nature and character. The good news is that the Holy Spirit is an expert when it comes to integrity and he gives us the power to change.

Reflection

Consider the connection between integrity and honor. Are there places in your life where you are trying to retain the wrong things? Do you think God is ruthless or gracious? Do you think He is actively conforming us to His image and if so, how do you think His image in us is to be displayed? Does your attitude towards friendships, work, or materialism display graciousness or ruthlessness? What would it look like for the you to give these areas of your life over to the Holy Spirit?