***“You’ve got to get up every morning with determination if you’re going to go to bed with satisfaction.”* Anonymous**

**Nehemiah 7:1-2** *After the wall had been rebuilt and I had set the doors in place, the gatekeepers, the musicians and the Levites were appointed. 2 I put in charge of Jerusalem my brother Hanani, along with Hananiah the commander of the citadel, because he was a man of integrity and feared God more than most people do.*

**A description of a person of integrity.**

1. **They are Reliable**, **Trustworthy** When they say they will do something, they do it. You don’t have to check on them.

**1 Corinthians 4:2** *Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must* ***prove faithful****.*

1. **They** **value people** and are **others focused**. **Philippians 2:3-4** *Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility* ***value others*** *above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.*
2. **They are** **helpful**. When they see or hear about a need they step up and help. **Hebrews 13:16** *And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.*
3. **They are** **honest.** **Luke 16:10** *One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in* *much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much.*
4. **They are** **humble**. **James 4:10** *Humble yourselves before the Lord, and* ***he will lift you up.***
5. **They carefully considered their words**. **Ephesians 4:29** *Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.*
6. **They are a** **person in line for the blessings of God**. **Proverbs 11:3** *The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity.*

**2 Corinthians 8:21** ***For we are taking pains to do what is right****, not only* ***in the******eyes of the Lord*** *but also* ***in the eyes of man***.

**Micah 6:8** *He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but* ***to do justice****,* ***and to love kindness****, and* ***to walk humbly with your God****?*

**The Bible has many examples of people with integrity**.

* Joseph remained faithful in obedience.
* Daniel, continued faithful in prayer.
* Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego remained faithful in worship.
* John the Baptist, remained faithful in his witness.

**Proverbs 20:7** *A righteous man walks in his* ***integrity****—blessed are his children who follow him*.

**Coach John Wooden said, “Be more concerned with your character than your reputation, because your character is what you really are while your reputation is merely what others think you are.”**

Integrity is all about character.

Integrity is doing what you are supposed to do when no one is watching.

 If one is to count for God, we must commit to things that matter to God.

**Worship matters to God.**

**Character matters to God.**

**Faithfulness matters to God.**

**Reverence matters to God.**

**Integrity matters to God.**

**Let’s resolve to go out today to be women of integrity because integrity matters to God**.