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# “Serving God’s Servants”



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## Where We’ve Been, What We’ve Been Up to & Where We’re Headed Next . . .

February 24—Elk Community Church, Elk, WA  
March 30, June 22—ESM Board Meeting, New Hope Bible Church, Spokane Valley  
March 17—Lake Roosevelt Bible Church, Lake Roosevelt, WA  
March 26—AWANA Club, New Hope Bible Church, Spokane Valley, WA  
April 7—Springdale Community Church, Springdale, WA  
April 15, May 20—Leadership Team, Mending Fences Fellowship, Spokane, WA  
April 21—Outreach @ Mending Fences Fellowship, Spokane, WA  
June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30—Country Bible Church, Dusty, WA  
July 14-18 / 21-24—Cocolalla Lake Bible Camp, Cocolalla, ID  
July 23-27—ALACCA Bible Camp, Harpster, ID  
July 28—Grangeville Christian Church, Grangeville, ID



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## I Am Loosing My Integrity

After more than 20 years of being an integrity online customer, we were notified that the company has decided to discontinue the Integrity.com and Integrity Online brands effective May 31, 2019. This includes our email service. Our [ghippe@integrity.com](mailto:ghippe@integrity.com) address will no longer be valid.

**OUR NEW EMAIL ADDRESS IS: [ghippe@eaglesummitministry.org](mailto:ghippe@eaglesummitministry.org)**

We will be working on updating all of our literature and contact information. I will also be working on getting a shorter version of this address, but for now, this will be our email contact address. Make sure you type in all the “m’s” and “i’s” and “t’s” in their proper order. You can make it a personal challenge to see if you can type it correctly. Thank you for your understanding. Please send me an email to make sure you have it correct. We would love to hear from you.



## CONSIDERING INTEGRITY . . .

Since we are already on the topic, let’s consider what God thinks about integrity. As a ministry, we have set as a priority, the necessity of serving with integrity. We live in a world where self-interest is more important than character and integrity. Integrity is defined as “the quality or state of being of sound moral principle; uprightness, honesty and sincerity.” Our world would be a better place if people lived with integrity.

**The damage caused by a lack of integrity is seen everywhere:**

- 20 baseball players potentially being suspended for doping
- College admissions scandal growing
- Lance Armstrong being stripped of all his awards for lying
- Politician or pastor disgraced in sex scandal
- The IRS apparently misusing its power
- The Justice Department being accused of lying
- Identity theft occurring to 1 out of 10 people

A politician, a businessman or a pastor doing something that is unethical, or illegal has sadly become commonplace. Jesus demonstrated integrity and He expects the same from us.

Our lack of integrity comes with a huge cost. The price we pay is the loss of trust. Trust is essential for a society, a business or a relationship to survive. It’s simple: No integrity equals no trust. I have asked students, “Do your parents trust you?” I have emphasized that one of the most valuable things they can possess is the trust of their parents. If they lose that trust, they have lost a treasure that is difficult if not impossible to regain. (continued on next page)

If their parents trust them, they have earned something of great value. Integrity is demonstrated when our behavior matches our beliefs. It's when our walk and our talk match, when we are trusted. You have integrity when what you are in public aligns with what you are in private. That builds trust.

The following verses from Psalm 15 further demonstrate the character of a man or woman of integrity: "LORD, who may dwell in your sacred tent? Who may live on your holy mountain? The one who despises a vile person but honors those who fear the LORD; **who keeps an oath even when it hurts** and does not change their mind;" Keeping a promise even when it costs us more than we expect is one mark of a person of integrity.

#### Quotes About Integrity

"Integrity is keeping a commitment even after circumstances have changed." **David Jeremiah**

"According to Scripture, virtually everything that truly qualifies a person for leadership is directly related to character. It's not about style, status, personal charisma, clout, or worldly measurements of success. Integrity is the main issue that makes the difference between a good leader and a bad one." **John MacArthur**

"Few things are more infectious than a godly lifestyle. The people you rub shoulders with everyday need that . . . challenge. Not prudish. Not preachy . . . just honest to goodness, bone – deep, non-hypocritical integrity." **Chuck Swindol**

The following thoughts are adapted and edited from an article by Charles Stone.

#### BENEFITS OF INTEGRITY:

- **IT PROTECTS US.**

May integrity and uprightness protect me because my hope is in you. Psalm 25:21

We are reminded that God protects us when we understand the value of integrity in all areas of our lives.

- **IT GIVES US CONFIDENCE.**

The man of integrity walks securely. Proverbs 10:9

We can be confident in making decisions when we live and lead with integrity.

- **IT HELPS US MAKE BETTER DECISIONS.**

The integrity of the upright guides them. Proverbs 11:3

Obedience often feels like a list of do's and don'ts but we have guidance to make the right choice when we walk with integrity. The closer we walk with the Lord, the more we grow to be like Him, growing in integrity.

- **IT REFLECTS WELL ON THE LORD.**

I know, my God, that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity. 1Chronicles 29:17

Choices reflect who you are and Whose you are. Integrity displays Jesus to those around us.

- **IT CREATES TRUST IN OTHERS.**

For we aim at what is honorable not only in the Lord's sight but also in the sight of man. 2 Corinthians 8:21 We should care what others think about us. We should model the character of Christ to the lost by acting with integrity.

- **IT INCREASES OUR IMPACT AND INFLUENCE.**

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. Luke 16:10 The righteous who walks in his integrity— blessed are his children after him! Proverbs 20:7

Faithfulness to God's calling will provide more opportunities to influence others for eternity. When we walk in integrity, it makes an impact on those around us, especially our children. Integrity may also open a door to communicate the Gospel. Living a life of integrity may cause others to ask, "Why." That "Why" is an invitation to share the truth that one "must be born again."

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PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR DIANE. AS I TYPE SHE IS STRUGGLING TO BREATHE NORMALLY AND FINISH HER ARTICLE FOR THIS NEWSLETTER. SHE IS ON A NEW MEDICATION. IT IS CLASSIFIED AS A "TIER 5" AND WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THE REST OF HER LIFE. IT IS NOT COVERED BY MEDICARE OR OUR SECONDARY INSURANCE, WHICH MAKES PERFECT SENSE, RIGHT? AT LEAST 4 HOURS DAILY ARE REQUIRED FOR HER TO COMPLETE THE PROCEDURES AT HOME JUST TO BREATHE.

**WE CONTINUE TO RELY ON HIS GRACE AND STRENGTH AND YOUR PRAYERS OF ENCOURAGEMENT.**

## Thoughts From Diane . . . GRACE



My first encounter with church happened when I was very young. I actually have memories that have never gone away. I was with my mother and she carried me in her arms. We were in the main part of a church, the sanctuary. My mom sat close to the aisle, toward the back. Church had started and we were still standing. I remember seeing a very large woman rolling down the aisle, which sloped down toward the front. Years later when I told my mother this she said, "That's impossible, you were only one year old!" The conversation continued and she told me she was invited to church by a relative. Mom actually called the church a "Holy Roller Church." I had an aunt who belonged to the Pentecostal church so I think that's where we actually were. My mother told me I was terrified so she left. Time passed and it became a memory.

I had many encounters with churches after that, which I later realized that God used in my life to start thinking about who He was. When I was about six years old my mother had my oldest brother and me walk to the Lutheran church about a block away. When I was nine I became very sick. I was in the hospital for several months. I knew it involved my heart and was afraid I would die. While there, my family moved again. When I went home I became sick again and spent more time in the hospital. When I went home again, I realized the man next door had a massive heart attack and died. I knew it and my fears multiplied. God intervened again and I went to another church. I was about ten years old. In church I saw a very long poster hung across the whole front of the church. The man who spoke made me excited to be there. When I thought about it later in life, I realized the poster was laid out to reveal the different dispensations of Biblical history. The man must have been a great speaker for me to have remembered this much.

God intervened again, when at twelve my neighbor invited me to Bible school. I learned about a man named Jesus. God intervened once more when my friend Marlene invited me to a youth activity. My search ended and began there, because I finally was taught about a man named Jesus who came into the world as the God-man, to die for the sins of the world. I became so excited that when my future youth pastor asked if there was anyone who would like to receive Christ in their life I quickly responded. When I was fourteen years old, I repented of my sinfulness and a weight I'd been carrying around for years was lifted. It was as if the night was turned into a brightness I couldn't describe. Love found me. Jesus loved me so much He died for me. I would never again be afraid to die. Jesus promised that He would never leave me.

I've spent a lot of time at home the past couple of years. It's been challenging. Paul the Apostle and I have become better acquainted during this time. When I start to feel sorry for myself, all I have to do is start looking at the life of Paul and all he went through for His Savior and it puts my struggle in the proper light.



Today, I read 1 Timothy 1:12-20. Paul reflected on the grace of Christ often throughout his writing. He spoke about his life before he came to know Jesus. He considered himself the worst of sinners. He lived his life in the ignorance and unbelief of a sinful man. When God intervened in his life he was radically changed. In 1 Timothy 1:14 Paul wrote, "The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus." That was the same grace that was poured out on me when I was fourteen. Later in the evening of the night of my salvation, the enemy of our souls, Satan, attacked me as soon as I got home. I told my dad that I accepted Christ as my Savior. He looked at me and with barely a pause said, "That's nice, it'll go away." I was crushed inside. There wasn't any rejoicing in my house. Not that night, not any night. Yet, I knew what I'd found was real. It took years of blunders on my part, much conflict and much prayer to have a real conversation about the grace of Jesus with my family.

People watch our lives, whether we know it or not. Many want to know if it's real, if it will change us and no matter what, we will continue on with Jesus. That day, close to 56 years ago, changed my life forever. I've stumbled along the way but Jesus hasn't broken His promise to me, not in this life and not for the rest of eternity.

#### **1 Corinthians 15:58 Standing Firm, Diane**

I just want to thank everyone who has been praying for me. I have cried, reading the wonderful words you've written. You've encouraged me with your prayers. I feel so depleted of energy and strength that I struggle with thanking everyone personally. The medication I'm on now has side effects that have been tough to deal with. Yet, so far, God continues to walk beside me. I love my family (I love you Lynne). George has been working in ministry, teaching and then comes home and does his and my work. He's been so faithful to me. There are no words to describe his love for me. Above that, my redeemer is faithful and true.