



Integrity Proverbs

(Week 4)

Introductory discussion:

*Joe works for a courier company. One day his boss calls him aside and says, "Joe, from now on I want all employees to add 10% to the weight of every package, and charge accordingly". Joe replies that he can't do so as a Christian. His boss says, "If you want to keep your job you will do this."
(True Sydney story)*

What options does Joe have?

Have you faced a similar dilemma?

(This study highlights the best way to respond when our integrity is challenged.)

Trade fairly:

Read Proverbs 11:1, 16:11, 20:10 and 20:23.

1. According to these verses, how big a deal is the issue Joe wrestled with?

Act justly:

Read Proverbs 3:27-30

2. From your own experience or from that of people you know, see if your group can come up with real-life examples of each of the four actions the writer says we should avoid.

3. Why should we avoid such behavior? How many different reasons can you find in Proverbs 17:5, 17:26, 18:5, 19:5, 21:3, 21:28, 22:16, 22:22-23, 24:23-25?

List them:

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Circle the consequences that might apply in this life, and underline those that might apply after we die.

Play by the book:

Read Proverbs 17:23, 22:28, 23:10-11

4. Share the pressures you sometimes feel to act dishonestly.

What comfort do you find in 1 Corinthians 10:13?

Pray for each other.

Postscript: Joe lost his job