

~INTEGRITY (1492)

[Hebrew, *tom, tum-mah', tam, ta-mim*]

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- Moral soundness, completeness, ones being blameless and faultless
- The Hebrew terms relating to integrity, *tom, tum-mah', tam, ta-mim'* have the root meaning of that which is complete or whole.
- But if it should not be bought back before the **complete** year has come to the full for him, the house that is in the city that has a wall must also stand in perpetuity as the property of its purchaser during his generations. It should not go out in the Jubilee. (**Leviticus 25:30**)
- Accordingly the sun kept motionless, and the moon did stand still, until the nation could take vengeance on its enemies. Is it not written in the book of Jashar? And the sun kept standing still in the middle of the heavens and did not hasten to set for about a **whole** day. (**Joshua 10:13**)
- Let us swallow them down alive just like Sheol, even **whole**, like those going down into a pit. (**Proverbs 1:12**)
- **Ta-mim'** is used several times to refer to **physical completeness**, or **soundness**, and **freedom from impairment**, for example, regarding sacrificial animals.
- The sheep should prove to be sound, a male, a year old, for you. You may pick from the young rams or from the goats. (**Exodus 12:5**)
- And this is the thing that you are to do to them to sanctify them for acting as priests to me. Take a young bull, and two rams, **sound** ones. (**Exodus 29:1**)

- And if his offering is from the flock for a communion sacrifice to Yehowah, a male or a female, a **sound** one is what he will present. (**Leviticus 3:6**)
- But more frequently these terms describe **moral soundness** or **blamelessness**.
- When applied to God, *ta-mim'* may properly be translated **perfect**, as in describing Yehowah's activity and works, his way, knowledge, and law.
 - The Rock, **perfect** is his activity, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness, with whom there is no injustice. Righteous and upright is he. (**Deuteronomy 32:4**)
 - For my words are for a fact no falsehood, the One **perfect** in knowledge is with you. (**Job 36:4**)
 - Do you know about the poisonings of the cloud, the wonderful works of the One **perfect** in knowledge? (**Job 37:16**)
 - As for the true God, **perfect** is his way, the saying of Yehowah is a refined one. A shield he is to all those taking refuge in him. (**Psalms 18:30**)
 - The Law of Yehowah is **perfect**, bringing back the soul. The reminder of Yehowah is trustworthy, making the inexperienced one wise. (**Psalms 19:7**)
 - All these divine qualities and expressions manifest such unmatched completeness and fullness, are so sound and free from defect, or fault, that they clearly identify their Source as the one true God.
 - For his invisible qualities are clearly seen from the world's creation onward, because they are perceived by the things made, even his eternal power and godship, so that they are inexcusable. (**Romans 1:20**)

See Also PERFECTION

· **Significance Of Human Integrity**

- In a few cases the Hebrew *tom* conveys simply the idea of **honest motive**, innocence as to wrong intention.
- Did not he say to me; She is my sister? And she, did not she too say; He is my brother? In the **honesty** of my heart and with innocency of my hands I have done this. (**Genesis 20:5**)
- That the true God said to him in the dream; I too have known that in the **honesty** of your heart you have done this, and I was also holding you back from sinning against me. That is why I did not allow you to touch her. (**Genesis 20:6**)
- Now there had gone with Absalom two hundred men from Jerusalem, being called and going unsuspectingly, and they did not know a single thing. (**2 Samuel 15:11**)
- But mainly these related Hebrew terms describe unswerving devotion to righteousness. Biblical usage and examples emphasize unbreakable devotion to a **person**, Yehowah God, and to his expressed will and purpose as the course of vital importance.

•• Involved In The Supreme Issue

- The first human pair were given the opportunity to manifest **integrity** in Eden. The restriction regarding the tree of knowledge put to the test their devotion to their Creator.
- Under the pressure of outside influence from God's Adversary and his appeal to selfishness, they gave way to disobedience. Their shame, their reluctance to face their Creator, and their lack of candor in responding to his questions all gave evidence of their lack of integrity.
- Happy are the ones faultless in their way, the ones walking in the Law of Yehowah. (**Psalms 119:1**)
- Let my heart prove faultless in your regulations, in order, that I may not be ashamed. (**Psalms 119:80**)
- Obviously, however, they were not the first to break **integrity**, since the spirit creature who led them into a rebellious course had already done so.
- Now the serpent proved to be the most cautious of all the wild

- beasts of the field that Yehowah God had made. So it began to say to the woman; Is it really so that God said you must not eat from every tree of the garden? (**Genesis 3:1**)
- At this the woman said to the serpent; Of the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat. (**Genesis 3:2**)
 - But as for eating of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, God has said; You must not eat from it, no, you must not touch it that you do not die. (**Genesis 3:3**)
 - At this the serpent said to the woman; You positively will not die. (**Genesis 3:4**)
 - For God knows that in the very day of your eating from it your eyes are bound to be opened and you are bound to be like God, knowing good and bad. (**Genesis 3:5**)
 - Consequently the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was something to be longed for to the eyes, yes, the tree was desirable to look upon. So she began taking of its fruit and eating it. Afterward she gave some also to her husband when with her and he began eating it. (**Genesis 3:6**)
 - Then the eyes of both of them became opened and they began to realize that they were naked. Hence they sewed fig leaves together and made loin coverings for themselves. (**Genesis 3:7**)
 - Later they heard the voice of Yehowah God walking in the garden about the breezy part of the day, and the man and his wife went into hiding from the face of Yehowah God in between the trees of the garden. (**Genesis 3:8**)
 - And Yehowah God kept calling to the man and saying to him; Where are you? (**Genesis 3:9**)
 - Finally he said; Your voice I heard in the garden, but I was afraid because I was naked and so I hid myself. (**Genesis 3:10**)
 - At that he said; Who told you that you were naked? From the tree from which I commanded you not to eat have you eaten? (**Genesis 3:11**)
 - And the man went on to say; The woman whom you gave to be

- with me, she gave me fruit from the tree and so I ate. (**Genesis 3:12**)
- **With that Yehowah God said to the woman; What is this you have done? To this the woman replied; The serpent, it deceived me and so I ate. (**Genesis 3:13**)**
 - **And Yehowah God proceeded to say to the serpent; Because you have done this thing, you are the cursed one out of all the domestic animals and out of all the wild beasts of the field. Upon your belly you will go and dust is what you will eat all the days of your life. (**Genesis 3:14**)**
 - **And I shall put enmity between you and the woman and between your seed and her seed. He will bruise you in the head and you will bruise him in the heel. (**Genesis 3:15**)**
 - **To the woman he said; I shall greatly increase the pain of your pregnancy, in birth pangs you will bring forth children, and your craving will be for your husband, and he will dominate you. (**Genesis 3:16**)**
 - **And to Adam he said; Because you listened to your wife's voice and took to eating from the tree concerning which I gave you this command, You must not eat from it, cursed is the ground on your account. In pain you will eat its produce all the days of your life. (**Genesis 3:17**)**
 - **And thorns and thistles it will grow for you, and you must eat the vegetation of the field. (**Genesis 3:18**)**
 - **In the sweat of your face you will eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken. For dust you are and to dust you will return. (**Genesis 3:19**)**
 - **His course with the dirge pronounced against the king of Tyre at;**
 - **Son of man, lift up a dirge concerning the king of Tyre, and you must say to him; This is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; You are sealing up a pattern, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. (**Ezekiel 28:12**)**
 - **In Eden, the garden of God, you proved to be. Every precious stone was your covering, ruby, topaz and jasper, chrysolite, onyx**

- and jade, sapphire, turquoise and emerald, and of gold was the workmanship of your settings and your sockets in you. In the day of your being created they were made ready. (**Ezekiel 28:13**)
- You are the anointed cherub that is covering, and I have set you. On the holy mountain of God you proved to be. In the midst of fiery stones you walked about. (**Ezekiel 28:14**)
 - You were faultless in your ways from the day of your being created until unrighteousness was found in you. (**Ezekiel 28:15**)

See Also SATAN

- Satan's rebellion, visibly initiated in Eden, produced an issue of universal importance that of the rightfulness of God's sovereignty over all his creatures, his right to require full obedience of them.
- Since the issue was not one of superiority of power but, rather, was a moral issue, it could not be settled merely by the exercise of power, as by God's immediately crushing Satan and the human pair out of existence.
- This fact is an aid in understanding why wickedness and its author, Satan, have been allowed to continue so long. Since God's Adversary first drew upon human's for support and endorsement of his rebel course, the earliest evidence for any siding with Satan on the part of spirit sons of God not appearing until sometime prior to the Flood.
- Now it came about that when men started to grow in numbers on the surface of the ground and daughters were born to them. (**Genesis 6:1**)
- Then the sons of the true God began to notice the daughters of men, that they were good-looking, and they went taking wives for themselves, namely, all whom they chose. (**Genesis 6:2**)
- After that Yehowah said; My spirit shall not act toward man indefinitely in that he is also flesh. Accordingly his days shall amount to a hundred and twenty years. (**Genesis 6:3**)
- The Nephilim proved to be in the earth in those days, and also after that, when the sons of the true God continued to have relations with the daughters of men and they bore sons to them, they were the mighty ones who were of old, the men of fame.

(Genesis 6:4)

- Consequently Yehowah saw that the badness of man was abundant in the earth and every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only bad all the time. (**Genesis 6:5**)
- Certainly if God did not hold back from punishing the angels that sinned, but, by throwing them into Tartarus, delivered them to pits of dense darkness to be reserved for judgment. (**2 Peter 2:4**)
- And he did not hold back from punishing an ancient world, but kept Noah, a preacher of righteousness, safe with seven others when he brought a deluge upon a world of ungodly people. (**2 Peter 2:5**)
- This made the question of man's integrity to God's sovereign will an essential part of the overall issue, though Yehowah's sovereignty is not itself dependent on the integrity of his creatures. Proof of this is seen in the case of Job.

See Also WICKEDNESS

.. Job

- Job, who evidently lived in the period between the death of Joseph and the time of Moses, is described as a man who had proved to be blameless, Hebrew, **tam** and upright, and fearing God and turning aside from bad.
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- That human **integrity** forms part of the issue between Yehowah God and Satan is clear from God's questioning his Adversary about Job when Satan appeared during an angelic assembly in the courts of heaven.
- Satan imputed false motive to Job's worship of God, alleging that Job served not out of pure devotion but for selfish benefits. He thereby

placed in question Job's **integrity** to God. Permitted to divest Job of his vast possessions and even of his children, Satan failed to crack Job's **integrity**.

- There happened to be a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job, and that man proved to be **blameless** and upright, and fearing God and turning aside from bad. (**Job 1:1**)
- He then claimed that Job was selfishly willing to endure the loss of possessions and children as long as he could save his own skin.
- But Satan answered Yehowah and said; Skin in behalf of skin, and everything that a man has he will give in behalf of his soul. (**Job 2:4**)
- For a change, thrust out your hand, please, and touch as far as his bone and his flesh and see whether he will not curse you to your very face. (**Job 2:5**)
- Thereafter stricken with a painful, consuming disease and subjected to dissuasion from his own wife as well as to disparaging criticism and slurs from companions who misrepresented God's standards and purposes.
- Accordingly Yehowah said to Satan; There he is in your hand! Only watch out for his soul itself! (**Job 2:6**)
- So Satan went out away from the person of Yehowah and struck Job with a malignant boil from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. (**Job 2:7**)
- And he proceeded to take for himself a fragment of earthenware with which to scrape himself, and he was sitting in among the ashes. (**Job 2:8**)
- Finally his wife said to him; Are you yet holding fast your **integrity**? Curse God and die! (**Job 2:9**)
- But he said to her; As one of the senseless women speaks, you speak also. Shall we accept merely what is good from the true God and not accept also what is bad? In all this Job did not sin with his lips. (**Job 2:10**)
- And three companions of Job got to hear of all this calamity that

- had come upon him, and they proceeded to come, each one from his own place, Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite. So they met together by appointment to come and sympathize with him and comfort him. (**Job 2:11**)
- When they raised their eyes from far off they did not then recognize him. And they proceeded to raise their voice and weep and rip each one his sleeveless coat apart and toss dust toward the heavens upon their heads. (**Job 2:12**)
 - And they kept sitting with him on the earth seven days and seven nights, and there was no one speaking a word to him, for they saw that the pain was very great. (**Job 2:13**)
 - And Eliphaz the Temanite proceeded to answer and say; (**Job 22:1**)
 - Is not your own badness too much already, and will there be no end to your errors? (**Job 22:5**)
 - For you seize a pledge from your brothers without cause, and you strip off even the garments of naked people. (**Job 22:6**)
 - You do not give the tired one a drink of water, and from the hungry one you hold back bread. (**Job 22:7**)
 - As for a man of strength, the land is his, and one who is treated with partiality himself dwells in it. (**Job 22:8**)
 - Widows you have sent away empty-handed, and the arms of fatherless boys are crushed. (**Job 22:9**)
 - That is why bird traps are all around you, and sudden dread disturbs you. (**Job 22:10**)
 - Or darkness, so that you cannot see, and a heaving mass of water itself covers you. (**Job 22:11**)
 - Job's response was that he would not deny having been a man of **integrity**. Until I expire I shall not take away my **integrity** from myself! On my justness I have laid hold, and I shall not let it go, my heart will not taunt me for any of my days.
 - It is unthinkable on my part that I should declare you men

righteous! Until I expire I shall not take away my **integrity** from myself! (**Job 27:5**)

- On my justness I have laid hold, and I shall not let it go, my heart will not taunt me for any of my days. (**Job 27:6**)
- His maintaining **integrity** demonstrated that God's Adversary was a liar.

See Also JOB

- Satan's challenging statements in Job's case show he held the position that all persons could be drawn away from God's side, that none served out of a purely unselfish motive.
- Thus human's, as well as God's spirit sons, have the remarkable privilege of contributing to the vindication and sanctification of God's name and demonstrating their support of Yehowah's sovereignty, doing so by a course of **integrity**. The ones **blameless** in their way are a pleasure to Yehowah.
- Those crooked at heart are something detestable to Yehowah, but the ones **blameless** in their way are a pleasure to him. (**Proverbs 11:20**)
- Contrast this with the false view advanced by Eliphaz at;
- And Eliphaz the Temanite proceeded to answer and say. (**Job 22:1**)
- Can an able-bodied man be of use to God himself, that anyone having insight should be of use toward him? (**Job 22:2**)
- Does the Almighty have any delight in that you are righteous, or any gain in that you make your way **blameless**? (**Job 22:3**)

•• Basis For Divine Judgment

- Having a favorable judgment from God is dependent on the creatures **integrity**-keeping course.
- And I will prove myself faultless with him, and I shall keep myself from error on my part. (**Psalms 18:23**)

- **And let Yehowah repay me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in front of his eyes. (Psalms 18:24)**
- **With someone loyal you will act in loyalty, with the faultless, able-bodied man you will deal faultlessly. (Psalms 18:25)**
- **As King David wrote.**
- **Yehowah himself will pass sentence on the peoples. Judge me, O Yehowah, according to my righteousness and according to my integrity in me. (Psalms 7:8)**
- **Please, may the badness of wicked ones come to an end, and may you establish the righteous one, and God as righteous is testing out heart and kidneys. (Psalms 7:9)**
- **For the upright are the ones that will reside in the earth, and the blameless are the ones that will be left over in it. (Proverbs 2:21)**
- **As regards the wicked, they will be cut off from the very earth, and as for the treacherous, they will be torn away from it. (Proverbs 2:22)**
- **Suffering Job expressed the confidence that Yehowah will weigh me in accurate scales and God will get to know my integrity.**
- **He will weigh me in accurate scales and God will get to know my integrity. (Job 31:6)**
- **Job thereafter lists about a dozen examples from actual life that, if true of him, would have demonstrated a lack of integrity.**
- **If my stepping deviates from the way, or my heart has walked merely after my eyes, or any defect has stuck in my own palms. (Job 31:7)**
- **Let me sow seed and someone else eat, and let my own descendants be rooted out. (Job 31:8)**
- **If my heart has been enticed toward a woman, and I kept lying in wait at the very entranceway of my companion. (Job 31:9)**
- **Let my wife do the grinding for another man, and over her let**

other men kneel down. (Job 31:10)

- For that would be loose conduct, and that would be an error for attention by the justices. (Job 31:11)
- For that is a fire that would eat clear to destruction, and among all my produce it would take root. (Job 31:12)
- If I used to refuse the judgment of my slave man or of my slave girl in their case at Law with me. (Job 31:13)
- Then what can I do when God rises up? And when he calls for an accounting, what can I answer him? (Job 31:14)
- Did not the One making me in the belly make him, and did not just One proceed to prepare us in the womb? (Job 31:15)
- If I used to hold back the lowly ones from their delight, and the eyes of the widow I would cause to fail. (Job 31:16)
- And I used to eat my morsel by myself, while the fatherless boy did not eat from it. (Job 31:17)
- For from my youth he grew up with me as with a father, and from the belly of my mother I kept leading her. (Job 31:18)
- If I used to see anyone perishing from having no garment, or that the poor one had no covering. (Job 31:19)
- If his loins did not bless me, nor from the shorn wool of my young rams he would warm himself. (Job 31:20)
- If I waved my hand to and fro against the fatherless boy, when I would see need of my assistance in the gate. (Job 31:21)
- Let my own shoulder blade fall from its shoulder, and let my own arm be broken from its upper bone. (Job 31:22)
- For disaster from God was a dread to me, and against his dignity I could not hold out. (Job 31:23)
- If I have put gold as my confidence, or to gold I have said; You are my trust! (Job 31:24)

- **If I used to rejoice because my property was much, and because my hand had found a lot of things. (Job 31:25)**
- **If I used to see the light when it would flash forth, or the precious moon walking along. (Job 31:26)**
- **And my heart began to be enticed in secrecy and my hand proceeded to kiss my mouth. (Job 31:27)**
- **That too would be an error for attention by the justices, for I should have denied the true God above. (Job 31:28)**
- **If I used to rejoice at the extinction of one intensely hating me, or I felt excited because evil had found him. (Job 31:29)**
- **And I did not allow my palate to sin by asking for an oath against his soul. (Job 31:30)**
- **If the men of my tent did not say; Who can produce anyone that has not been satisfied from food of his? (Job 31:31)**
- **Outside no alien resident would spend the night, my doors I kept open to the path. (Job 31:32)**
- **If like an earthling man I covered over my transgressions by hiding my error in my shirt pocket. (Job 31:33)**
- **Because I would suffer a shock at a large crowd, or the contempt itself of families would terrorize me and I would keep silent, I would not go out of the entrance. (Job 31:34)**
- **O that I had someone listening to me, that according to my signature the Almighty himself would answer me! Or that the individual in the case at Law with me had written a document itself! (Job 31:35)**
- **Surely upon my shoulder I would carry it. I would bind it around me like a grand crown. (Job 31:36)**
- **The number of my steps I would tell him, like a leader I would approach him. (Job 31:37)**
- **If against me my own ground would cry for aid, and together its furrows themselves would weep. (Job 31:38)**

- If its fruitage I have eaten without money, and the soul of its owners I have caused to pant. (**Job 31:39**)
- Instead of wheat let the thorny weed go forth, and instead of barley stinking weeds. The words of Job have come to an end. (**Job 31:40**)

· What Does Integrity Keeping Include For Imperfect Human's

- Since all men are imperfect and unable to measure up perfectly to God's standards, it is evident that their **integrity** does not mean perfection of action or of speech.
- Rather, the Scriptures show it means wholeness or completeness of heart devotion. David, through weakness, committed several serious wrongs, but he, nevertheless, walked with **integrity** of heart.
- And you, if you will walk before me, just as David your father walked, with **integrity** of heart and with uprightness by doing according to all that I have commanded you, and you will keep my regulations and my judicial decisions. (**1 Kings 9:4**)
- For he accepted reproof and corrected his way. He thereby proved that his heart still retained genuine love for Yehowah God.
- Judge me, O Yehowah, for I myself have walked in my own **integrity**, and in Yehowah I have trusted, that I may not wobble. (**Psalms 26:1**)
- Examine me, O Yehowah, and put me to the test, refine my kidneys and my heart. (**Psalms 26:2**)
- For your loving-kindness is in front of my eyes, and I have walked in your truth. (**Psalms 26:3**)
- I shall wash my hands in innocency itself, and I will march around your altar, O Yehowah. (**Psalms 26:6**)
- Yehowah, I have loved the dwelling of your house and the place of the residing of your glory. (**Psalms 26:8**)
- As for me, in my **integrity** I shall walk. O redeem me and show me favor. (**Psalms 26:11**)

- **As David later told his son Solomon; Know the God of your father and serve him with a complete heart and with a delightful soul, for all hearts Yehowah is searching, and every inclination of the thoughts he is discerning. Solomon's heart, however, did not prove to be complete with Yehowah his God like the heart of David his father.**
- **And you, Solomon my son, know the God of your father and serve him with a complete heart and with a delightful soul, for all hearts Yehowah is searching, and every inclination of the thoughts he is discerning. If you search for him, he will let himself be found by you, but if you leave him, he will cast you off forever. (1 Chronicles 28:9)**
- **And it came about in the time of Solomon's growing old that his wives themselves had inclined his heart to follow other gods, and his heart did not prove to be complete with Yehowah his God like the heart of David his father. (1 Kings 11:4)**
- **The word complete in these two texts is from another Hebrew term, *sha-lem'*, as at;**
- **A cheating pair of scales is something detestable to Yehowah, but a complete stone-weight is a pleasure to him. (Proverbs 11:1)**
- **And the high places he did not remove. Nevertheless, Asa's heart itself proved to be complete with Yehowah all his days. (1 Kings 15:14)**
- **Integrity is therefore not restricted to any one aspect of human conduct, it does not apply just to matters obviously religious. For God's servant it is a way of life in which the individual walks, constantly searching to know Yehowah's will.**
- **Happy are the ones faultless in their way, the ones walking in the Law of Yehowah. (Psalms 119:1)**
- **Happy are those observing his reminders, with all the heart they keep searching for him. (Psalms 119:2)**
- **Really they have practiced no unrighteousness. In his ways they have walked. (Psalms 119:3)**

- David shepherded the nation of Israel, according to the **integrity** of his heart, both in matters directly relating to Yehowah's worship and in his conduct of governmental affairs. He also desired that those around him and those acting as his ministers likewise be persons of **integrity**, walking in a faultless way.
- And he began to shepherd them according to the **integrity** of his heart, and with the skillfulness of his hands he began leading them. (**Psalms 78:72**)
- I will act with discretion in a faultless way. When will you come to me? I shall walk about in the **integrity** of my heart inside my house. (**Psalms 101:2**)
- I shall not set in front of my eyes any good-for-nothing thing. The doing of those who fall away I have hated, it does not cling to me. (**Psalms 101:3**)
- A crooked heart departs from me, nothing bad do I know. (**Psalms 101:4**)
- Anyone slandering his companion in secrecy, him I silence. Anyone of haughty eyes and of arrogant heart, him I cannot endure. (**Psalms 101:5**)
- My eyes are upon the faithful ones of the earth, that they may dwell with me. The one walking in a faultless way, the it is who will minister to me. (**Psalms 101:6**)
- There will dwell inside my house no worker of trickiness. As for anyone speaking falsehoods, he will not be firmly established in front of my eyes. (**Psalms 101:7**)
- One proves himself **faultless** before God over a period of time, as did Noah, Abraham, and others.
- This is the history of Noah. Noah was a righteous man. He proved himself faultless among his contemporaries. Noah walked with the true God. (**Genesis 6:9**)
- When Abram got to be ninety-nine years old, then Yehowah appeared to Abram and said to him; I am God Almighty. Walk before me and prove yourself faultless. (**Genesis 17:1**)

- And I shall prove myself faultless toward him, and I will keep myself from error on my part. ([2 Samuel 22:24](#))
- **Integrity** requires uncompromising loyalty to God and adherence to righteousness, not merely under favorable conditions or circumstances, but under all conditions and at all times.
- After stressing that only the **integrity-keeper**, speaking the truth in his heart, is acceptable to Yehowah, the psalmist says of such a one that, he has sworn to what is bad for himself, and yet he does not alter, that is, even if something he has solemnly agreed to turns out to be apparently against his personal interests, he still stays true to his agreement.
- O Yehowah, who will be a guest in your tent? Who will reside in your holy mountain? ([Psalms 15:1](#))
- He who is walking **faultlessly** and practicing righteousness and speaking the truth in his heart. ([Psalms 15:2](#))
- He has not slandered with his tongue. To his companion he has done nothing bad, and no reproach has he taken up against his intimate acquaintance. ([Psalms 15:3](#))
- In his eyes anyone contemptible is certainly rejected, but those fearing Yehowah he honors. He has sworn to what is bad for himself, and yet he does not alter. ([Psalms 15:4](#))
- His money he has not given out on interest, and a bribe against the innocent one he has not taken. He that is doing these things will never be made to totter. ([Psalms 15:5](#))
- Without understanding, false to agreements, having no natural affection, merciless. ([Romans 1:31](#))
- Fornicators, men who lie with males, kidnappers, liars, false swearers, and whatever other thing is in opposition to the healthful teaching. ([1 Timothy 1:10](#))
- **Integrity**, then, is most evident when the individuals devotion is under test and he is pressured to abandon his righteous course. Though made a laughingstock by opposers.
- One who is a laughingstock to his fellowman I become, one

calling to God that he should answer him. A laughingstock is the righteous, unblamable one. (**Job 12:4**)

- You have fooled me, O Yehowah, so that I was fooled. You used your strength against me, so that you prevailed. I became an object of laughter all day long, everyone is holding me in derision. (**Jeremiah 20:7**)
- Or made the object of their bitter speech.
- Who have sharpened their tongue just like a sword, who have aimed their arrow, bitter speech. (**Psalms 64:3**)
- To shoot from concealed places at someone blameless. All of a sudden they shoot at him and do not fear. (**Psalms 64:4**)
- Hatred, and violent persecution.
- Bloodthirsty men hate anyone blameless, and as for the upright ones, they keep seeking for the soul of each one. (**Proverbs 29:10**)
- In the gate they have hated a reprover, and a speaker of perfect things they detest. (**Amos 5:10**)
- Whether in sickness or in distressful adversity, a person must hold fast his **integrity** as did Job, no matter what the cost.
- And Yehowah went on to say to Satan; Have you set your heart upon my servant Job, that there is no one like him in the earth, a man blameless and upright, fearing God and turning aside from bad? Even yet he is holding fast his **integrity**, although you incite me against him to swallow him up without cause. (**Job 2:3**)
- Such an **integrity-keeping** course is possible, not by the individuals personal moral strength, but only through deep faith and trust in Yehowah and His saving power.
- Let **integrity** and uprightness themselves safeguard me, for I have hoped in you. (**Psalms 25:21**)
- God's promise is that he will be a **shield** and **stronghold**, guarding the way of those walking in **integrity**.

- For Yehowah himself gives wisdom. Out of his mouth there are knowledge and discernment. (**Proverbs 2:6**)
- And for the upright ones he will treasure up practical wisdom, for those walking in **integrity** he is a shield. (**Proverbs 2:7**)
- By observing the paths of judgment, and he will **guard** the very way of his loyal ones. (**Proverbs 2:8**)
- The way of Yehowah is a **stronghold** for the blameless one, but ruin is for the practicers of what is hurtful. (**Proverbs 10:29**)
- As for me, because of my **integrity** you have upheld me, and you will set me before your face to time indefinite. (**Psalms 41:12**)
- **Their constant concern for gaining Yehowah's approval brings stability to their lives, enabling them to follow a straight course to their goal.**
- Judge me, O Yehowah, for I myself have walked in my own **integrity**, and in Yehowah I have trusted, that I may not wobble. (**Psalms 26:1**)
- Examine me, O Yehowah, and put me to the test, **refine my kidneys and my heart**. (**Psalms 26:2**)
- For your loving-kindness is in front of my eyes, and I have walked in your truth. (**Psalms 26:3**)
- The righteousness of the blameless one is what will make his way straight, but in his own wickedness the wicked one will fall. (**Proverbs 11:5**)
- He that is walking faultless will be saved, but he that is made crooked in his ways will fall at once. (**Proverbs 28:18**)
- **Though, as Job perplexedly observed, the blameless may suffer because of the rule of the wicked and may die along with the wicked, Yehowah assures that he is aware of the life of the faultless person and guarantees that such a person's inheritance will continue, his future will be peaceful, and he will come into the possession of good.**
- If I were in the right, my own mouth would pronounce me wicked, were I blameless, then he would declare me crooked.

(Job 9:20)

- **Were I blameless, I would not know my soul. I would refuse my life. (Job 9:21)**
- **One thing there is. That is why I do say; One blameless, also a wicked one, he is bringing to their end. (Job 9:22)**
- **Yehowah is aware of the days of the faultless ones, and their very inheritance will continue even to time indefinite. (Psalms 37:18)**
- **They will not be ashamed in the time of calamity, and in the days of famine they will be satisfied. (Psalms 37:19)**
- **Watch the blameless one and keep the upright one in sight, for the future of that man will be peaceful. (Psalms 37:37)**
- **For Yehowah God is a sun and a shield, favor and glory are what he gives. Yehowah himself will not hold back anything good from those walking in faultlessness. (Psalms 84:11)**
- **He that is causing the upright ones to go astray into the bad way will himself fall into his own pit, but the faultless ones themselves will come into possession of good. (Proverbs 28:10)**
- **As in Job's case, it is being a man of **integrity**, rather than ones wealth, that makes one a person of genuine worth, meriting respect.**
- **Anyone of little means who is walking in his **integrity** is better than the one crooked in his lips, and the one that is stupid. (Proverbs 19:1)**
- **Better is the one of little means who is walking in his **integrity** than anyone crooked in his ways, although he is rich. (Proverbs 28:6)**
- **Children privileged to have such a person for a parent are to be counted happy.**
- **The righteous is walking in his **integrity**. Happy are his sons after him. (Proverbs 20:7)**

- Receiving a splendid legacy in their father's life example, enjoying a share in his good name and the respect he gained.
- In addition to the examples of Job and David, the Hebrew Scriptures are replete with other examples of men of **integrity**. Abraham showed unswerving loyalty to God in his willingness to sacrifice his son Isaac.
- Now after these things it came about that the true God put Abraham to the test. Accordingly he said to him; Abraham! To which he said; Here I am! (**Genesis 22:1**)
- And he went on to say; Take, please, your son, your only son whom you so love, Isaac, and make a trip to the land of Moriah and there offer him up as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall designate to you. (**Genesis 22:2**)
- So Abraham got up early in the morning and saddled his ass and took two of his attendants with him and Isaac his son, and he split the wood for the burnt offering. Then he rose and went on the trip to the place that the true God designated to him. (**Genesis 22:3**)
- It was first on the third day that Abraham raised his eyes and began to see the place from a distance. (**Genesis 22:4**)
- Abraham now said to his attendants; You stay here with the ass, but I and the boy want to go on over there and worship and return to you. (**Genesis 22:5**)
- After that Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and put it upon Isaac his son and took in his hands the fire and the slaughtering knife, and both of them went on together. (**Genesis 22:6**)
- And Isaac began to say to Abraham his father; My father! In turn he said; Here I am, my son! So he continued; Here are the fire and the wood, but where is the sheep for the burnt offering? (**Genesis 22:7**)
- To this Abraham said; God will provide himself the sheep for the burnt offering, my son. And both of them walked on together. (**Genesis 22:8**)

- Finally they reached the place that the true God had designated to him, and Abraham built an altar there and set the wood in order and bound Isaac his son hand and foot and put him upon the altar on top of the wood. ([Genesis 22:9](#))
- Then Abraham put out his hand and took the slaughtering knife to kill his son. ([Genesis 22:10](#))
- But Yehowah's angel began calling to him out of the heavens and saying; Abraham, Abraham! To which he answered; Here I am! ([Genesis 22:11](#))
- And he went on to say; Do not put out your hand against the boy and do not do anything at all to him, for now I do know that you are God-fearing in that you have not withheld your son, your only one, from me. ([Genesis 22:12](#))
- Daniel and his three companions provide sterling illustrations of **integrity** under test, in youth and in later life.
- But Daniel determined in his heart that he would not pollute himself with the delicacies of the king and with his drinking wine. And he kept requesting of the principal court official that he might not pollute himself. ([Daniel 1:8](#))
- Accordingly the true God gave Daniel over to loving-kindness and to mercy before the principal court official. ([Daniel 1:9](#))
- So the principal court official said to Daniel; I am in fear of my lord the king, who has appointed your food and your drink. Why, then, should he see your faces dejected-looking in comparison with the children who are of the same age as yours, and why should you have to make my head guilty to the king? ([Daniel 1:10](#))
- But Daniel said to the guardian whom the principal court official had appointed over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. ([Daniel 1:11](#))
- Please, put your servants to the test for ten days, and let them give us some vegetables that we may eat and water that we may drink. ([Daniel 1:12](#))
- And let our countenances and the countenance of the children

- who are eating the delicacies of the king appear before you, and according to what you see do with your servants. ([Daniel 1:13](#))
- Finally he listened to them as regards this matter and put them to the test for ten days. ([Daniel 1:14](#))
 - And at the end of ten days their countenances appeared better and fatter in flesh than all the children who were eating the delicacies of the king. ([Daniel 1:15](#))
 - So the guardian kept on taking away their delicacies and their drinking wine and giving them vegetables. ([Daniel 1:16](#))
 - And as for these children, the four of them, to them the true God gave knowledge and insight in all writing and wisdom, and Daniel himself had understanding in all sorts of visions and dreams. ([Daniel 1:17](#))
 - At that time Nebuchadnezzar, in a rage and fury, said to bring in Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. Consequently these able-bodied men were brought in before the king. ([Daniel 3:13](#))
 - Nebuchadnezzar was answering and saying to them; Is it really so, O Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, that you are not serving my own gods, and the image of gold that I have set up you are not worshipping? ([Daniel 3:14](#))
 - Now if you are ready so that when you hear the sound of the horn, the pipe, the zither, the triangular harp, the stringed instrument, and the bagpipe and all sorts of musical instruments, you fall down and worship the image that I have made, all right. But if you do not worship, at that same moment you will be thrown into the burning fiery furnace. And who is that god that can rescue you out of my hands? ([Daniel 3:15](#))
 - Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego answered, and they were saying to the king; O Nebuchadnezzar, we are under no necessity in this regard to say back a word to you. ([Daniel 3:16](#))
 - If it is to be, our God whom we are serving is able to rescue us. Out of the burning fiery furnace and out of your hand, O king, he will rescue us. ([Daniel 3:17](#))
 - But if not, let it become known to you, O king, that your gods are

- not the ones we are serving, and the image of gold that you have set up we will not worship. (**Daniel 3:18**)
- Then it was that Nebuchadnezzar himself got filled with fury, and the very expression of his face was changed toward Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. He was answering and saying to heat up the furnace seven times more than it was customary to heat it up. (**Daniel 3:19**)
 - And to certain able-bodied men of vital energy who were in his military force he said to bind Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, in order to throw them into the burning fiery furnace. (**Daniel 3:20**)
 - Then it was that these able-bodied men were bound in their mantles, their garments and their caps and their other clothing and were thrown into the burning fiery furnace. (**Daniel 3:21**)
 - Just because the king's word was harsh and the furnace was heated to excess, these able-bodied men that took up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were the ones that the fiery flame killed. (**Daniel 3:22**)
 - But these other able-bodied men, the three of them, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, fell down bound in the midst of the burning fiery furnace. (**Daniel 3:23**)
 - At that time the high officials and the satraps themselves were constantly seeking to find some pretext against Daniel respecting the kingdom, but there was no pretext or corrupt thing at all that they were able to find, forasmuch as he was trustworthy and no negligence or corrupt thing at all was found in him. (**Daniel 6:4**)
 - Consequently these able-bodied men were saying; We shall find in this Daniel no pretext at all, except we have to find it against him in the Law of his God. (**Daniel 6:5**)
 - Accordingly these high officials and satraps themselves entered as a throng to the king, and this is what they were saying to him; O Darius the king, live on even for times indefinite. (**Daniel 6:6**)
 - All the high officials of the kingdom, the prefects and the satraps, the high royal officers and the governor's, have taken counsel together to establish a royal statute and to enforce an interdict,

that whoever makes a petition to any god or man for thirty days except to you, O king, should be thrown to the lions pit. (**Daniel 6:7**)

- Now, O king, may you establish the statute and sign the writing, in order for it not to be changed, according to the Law of the Medes and the Persians, which is not annulled. (**Daniel 6:8**)
- In accord with this, King Darius himself signed the writing and the interdict. (**Daniel 6:9**)
- But Daniel, as soon as he knew that the writing had been signed, entered into his house, and, the windows in his roof chamber being open for him toward Jerusalem, even three times in a day he was kneeling on his knees and praying and offering praise before his God, as he had been regularly doing prior to this. (**Daniel 6:10**)
- At that time these able-bodied men themselves crowded in and found Daniel petitioning and imploring favor before his God. (**Daniel 6:11**)
- Then it was that they approached and were saying before the king concerning the interdict of the king; Is there not an interdict that you have signed that any man that asks a petition from any god or man for thirty days except from you, O king, he should be thrown to the lions pit? The king was answering and saying; The matter is well established according to the Law of the Medes and the Persians, which is not annulled. (**Daniel 6:12**)
- Immediately they answered, and they were saying before the king; Daniel, who is of the exiles of Judah, has paid no regard to you, O king, nor to the interdict that you signed, but three times in a day he is making his petition. (**Daniel 6:13**)
- Consequently the king, as soon as he heard the word, it was very displeasing to him, and toward Daniel he set his mind in order to rescue him, and till the setting of the sun he kept on striving to deliver him. (**Daniel 6:14**)
- Finally these able-bodied men themselves entered as a throng to the king, and they were saying to the king; Take note, O king, that the Law belonging to the Medes and the Persians is that any interdict or statute that the king himself establishes is not to be

changed. ([Daniel 6:15](#))

- Accordingly the king himself commanded, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the pit of the lions. The king was answering and saying to Daniel; Your God whom you are serving with constancy, he himself will rescue you. ([Daniel 6:16](#))
- And a stone was brought and placed on the mouth of the pit, and the king sealed it with his signet ring and with the signet ring of his grandees, in order, that nothing should be changed in the case of Daniel. ([Daniel 6:17](#))
- At that time the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting, and no musical instruments were brought in before him, and his very sleep fled from him. ([Daniel 6:18](#))
- Finally the king himself, at dawn, proceeded to get up in the daylight, and in a hurry he went right to the lions pit. ([Daniel 6:19](#))
- And as he got near to the pit, he cried out with a sad voice even to Daniel. The king was speaking up and saying to Daniel; O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God whom you are serving with constancy been able to rescue you from the lions? ([Daniel 6:20](#))
- Immediately Daniel himself spoke even with the king; O king, live on even to times indefinite. ([Daniel 6:21](#))
- My own God sent his angel and shut the mouth of the lions, and they have not brought me to ruin, forasmuch as before him innocence itself was found in me, and also before you, O king, no hurtful act have I done. ([Daniel 6:22](#))
- Then it was that the king himself became very glad, and Daniel himself he commanded to be lifted up out of the pit. And Daniel was lifted up out of the pit, and there was no hurt at all found on him, because he had trusted in his God. ([Daniel 6:23](#))
- At ([Hebrews Chapter 11](#)), the apostle Paul lists a long line of men of pre-Christian times who through faith displayed **integrity** under a wide variety of difficult circumstances.
- Who through faith defeated kingdoms in conflict, effected

righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions. (Hebrews 11:33)

- stayed the force of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from a weak state were made powerful, became valiant in war, routed the armies of foreigners. (Hebrews 11:34)
- Women received their dead by resurrection, but other men were tortured because they would not accept release by some ransom, in order, that they might attain a better resurrection. (Hebrews 11:35)
- Yes, others received their trial by mockings and scourgings, indeed, more than that, by bonds and prisons. (Hebrews 11:36)
- They were stoned, they were tried, they were sawn asunder, they died by slaughter with the sword, they went about in sheepskins, in goatskins, while they were in want, in tribulation, under ill-treatment. (Hebrews 11:37)
- And the world was not worthy of them. They wandered about in deserts and mountains and caves and dens of the earth. (Hebrews 11:38)

•• Integrity In The Christian Greek Scriptures

- Whereas no exact word for **integrity** appears in the **Christian Greek Scriptures**, the idea pervades this entire portion of the Bible. God's Son, Jesus Christ, gave the finest example of **integrity** and of supreme trust in his heavenly Father's strength and care.
- He thereby was, **made perfect**, for his position as High Priest, as well as Anointed King of the heavenly Kingdom, one greater than David's.
- In the days of his flesh Christ offered up supplications and also petitions to the One who was able to save him out of death, with strong outcries and tears, and he was favorably heard for his godly fear. (Hebrews 5:7)
- Although he was a Son, he learned obedience from the things he suffered. (Hebrews 5:8)
- And after he had been made perfect he became responsible for

everlasting salvation to all those obeying him. ([Hebrews 5:9](#))

- For we have as High Priest, not one who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been tested in all respects like ourselves, but without sin. ([Hebrews 4:15](#))
- For such a High Priest as this was suitable for us, loyal, guileless, undefiled, separated from the sinners, and become higher than the heavens. ([Hebrews 7:26](#))
- He does not need daily, as those High Priests do, to offer up sacrifices, first for his own sins and then for those of the people. For this he did once for all time when he offered himself up. ([Hebrews 7:27](#))
- For the Law appoints men High Priests having weakness, but the word of the sworn oath that came after the Law appoints a Son, who is perfected forever. ([Hebrews 7:28](#))
- Actually David did not ascend to the heavens, but he himself says, Yehowah said to my Lord; Sit at my right hand. ([Acts of Apostles 2:34](#))
- Until I place your enemies as a stool for your feet. ([Acts of Apostles 2:35](#))
- **Integrity** is embraced in the commandment Jesus singled out as the greatest of all loving Yehowah God with ones whole heart, mind, soul, and strength.
- Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law? ([Matthew 22:36](#))
- He said to him; You must love Yehowah your God with your whole heart and with your whole soul and with your whole mind. ([Matthew 22:37](#))
- This is the greatest and first commandment. ([Matthew 22:38](#))
- His injunction that, you must accordingly be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.
- You must accordingly be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect. ([Matthew 5:48](#))

- Also stressed a **completeness of one's devotion to righteousness**. The **Greek** terms for **perfection** convey the idea of that which has been **brought to completion** and so are somewhat similar in meaning to the Hebrew terms already discussed.
- Jesus teachings emphasized purity of heart, singleness of outlook and intent, freedom from hypocrisy all these being qualities that characterize **integrity**.
- Happy are the pure in heart, since they will see God. (**Matthew 5:8**)
- Take good care not to practice your righteousness in front of men in order to be observed by them, otherwise you will have no reward with your Father who is in the heavens. (**Matthew 6:1**)
- Hence when you go making gifts of mercy, do not blow a trumpet ahead of you, just as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be glorified by men. Truly I say to you, They are having their reward in full. (**Matthew 6:2**)
- But you, when making gifts of mercy, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing. (**Matthew 6:3**)
- That your gifts of mercy may be in secret, then your Father who is looking on in secret will repay you. (**Matthew 6:4**)
- Also, when you pray, you must not be as the hypocrites, because they like to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the broad ways to be visible to men. Truly I say to you, they are having their reward in full. (**Matthew 6:5**)
- You, however, when you pray, go into your private room and, after shutting your door, pray to your Father who is in secret, then your Father who looks on in secret will repay you. (**Matthew 6:6**)
- When you are fasting, stop becoming sad-faced like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. Truly I say to you, They are having their reward in full. (**Matthew 6:16**)
- But you, when fasting, grease your head and wash your face.

(Matthew 6:17)

- **That you may appear to be fasting, not to men, but to your Father who is in secrecy, then your Father who is looking on in secrecy will repay you. (Matthew 6:18)**
- **The lamp of the body is the eye. If, then, your eye is simple, your whole body will be bright. (Matthew 6:22)**
- **But if your eye is wicked, your whole body will be dark. If in reality the light that is in you is darkness, how great that darkness is! (Matthew 6:23)**
- **The lamp of the body is your eye. When your eye is simple, your whole body is also bright, but when it is wicked, your body is also dark. (Luke 11:34)**
- **Be alert, therefore. Perhaps the light that is in you is darkness. (Luke 11:35)**
- **Therefore, if your whole body is bright with no part at all dark, it will all be as bright as when a lamp gives you light by its rays. (Luke 11:36)**
- **The apostle Paul showed the same concern as had David and earlier servants of God for proving blameless and faultless. He was free from any charge of corruption or deviousness in his ministry and in all his dealings with others.**
- **That is why, since we have this ministry according to the mercy that was shown us, we do not give up. (2 Corinthians 4:1)**
- **But we have renounced the underhanded things of which to be ashamed, not walking with cunning, neither adulterating the word of God, but by making the truth manifest recommending ourselves to every human conscience in the sight of God. (2 Corinthians 4:2)**
- **In no way are we giving any cause for stumbling, that our ministry might not be found fault with. (2 Corinthians 6:3)**
- **But in every way we recommend ourselves as God's ministers, by the endurance of much, by tribulations, by cases of need, by difficulties. (2 Corinthians 6:4)**

- **By beatings, by prisons, by disorders, by labors, by sleepless nights, by times without food. (2 Corinthians 6:5)**
- **By purity, by knowledge, by long-suffering, by kindness, by Holy Spirit, by love free from hypocrisy. (2 Corinthians 6:6)**
- **By truthful speech, by God's power, through the weapons of righteousness on the right hand and on the left. (2 Corinthians 6:7)**
- **Through glory and dishonor, through bad report and good report, as deceivers and yet truthful. (2 Corinthians 6:8)**
- **As being unknown and yet being recognized, as dying and yet, look! we live, as disciplined and yet not delivered to death. (2 Corinthians 6:9)**
- **As sorrowing but ever rejoicing, as poor but making many rich, as having nothing and yet possessing all things. (2 Corinthians 6:10)**
- **Thus we are avoiding having any man find fault with us in connection with this liberal contribution to be administered by us. (2 Corinthians 8:20)**
- **For we, make honest provision, not only in the sight of Yehowah, but also in the sight of men. (2 Corinthians 8:21)**
- **For we bear incessantly in mind your faithful work and your loving labor and your endurance due to your hope in our Lord Jesus Christ before our God and Father. (1 Thessalonians 1:3)**
- **For we know, brothers loved by God, his choosing of you. (1 Thessalonians 1:4)**
- **Because the Good News we preach did not turn up among you with speech alone but also with power and with Holy Spirit and strong conviction, just as you know what sort of men we became to you for your sakes. (1 Thessalonians 1:5)**
- **And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, seeing that you accepted the word under much tribulation with joy of Holy Spirit. (1 Thessalonians 1:6)**

- **Perseverance in a God-given commission in the face of opposition, and endurance of privations, persecution, and suffering for adhering to a course of godly devotion, also marked Paul and other early Christians as persons of integrity.**
- **So they brought them and stood them in the Sanhedrin hall. And the High Priest questioned them (Acts of Apostles 5:27)**
- **And said; We positively ordered you not to keep teaching upon the basis of this name, and yet, look! You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you are determined to bring the blood of this man upon us. (Acts of Apostles 5:28)**
- **In answer Peter and the other apostles said; We must obey God as ruler rather than men. (Acts of Apostles 5:29)**
- **The God of our forefathers raised up Jesus, whom you slew, hanging him upon a stake. (Acts of Apostles 5:30)**
- **God exalted this one as Chief Agent and Savior to his right hand, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. (Acts of Apostles 5:31)**
- **And we are witnesses of these matters, and so is the Holy Spirit, which God has given to those obeying him as ruler. (Acts of Apostles 5:32)**
- **When they heard this, they felt deeply cut and were wanting to do away with them. (Acts of Apostles 5:33)**
- **But a certain man rose in the Sanhedrin, a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a Law teacher esteemed by all the people, and gave the command to put the men outside for a little while. (Acts of Apostles 5:34)**
- **And he said to them; Men of Israel, pay attention to yourselves as to what you intend to do respecting these men. (Acts of Apostles 5:35)**
- **For instance, before these days Theudas rose, saying he himself was somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined his party. But he was done away with, and all those who were obeying him were dispersed and came to nothing. (Acts of**

Apostles 5:36)

- **After him Judas the Galilean rose in the days of the registration, and he drew off people after him. And yet that man perished, and all those who were obeying him were scattered abroad. (Acts of Apostles 5:37)**
- **And so, under the present circumstances, I say to you; Do not meddle with these men, but let them alone, because, if this scheme or this work is from men, it will be overthrown. (Acts of Apostles 5:38)**
- **But if it is from God, you will not be able to overthrow them, otherwise, you may perhaps be found fighters actually against God. (Acts of Apostles 5:39)**
- **At this they gave heed to him, and they summoned the apostles, flogged them, and ordered them to stop speaking upon the basis of Jesus name, and let them go. (Acts of Apostles 5:40)**
- **These, therefore, went their way from before the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy to be dishonored in behalf of his name. (Acts of Apostles 5:41)**
- **Are they ministers of Christ? I reply like a madman, I am more outstandingly one. In labors more plentifully, in prisons more plentifully, in blows to an excess, in near-deaths often. (2 Corinthians 11:23)**
- **By Jews I five times received forty strokes less one. (2 Corinthians 11:24)**
- **Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I experienced shipwreck, a night and a day I have spent in the deep. (2 Corinthians 11:25)**
- **In journeys often, in dangers from rivers, in dangers from highwaymen, in dangers from my own race, in dangers from the nations, in dangers in the city, in dangers in the wilderness, in dangers at sea, in dangers among false brothers. (2 Corinthians 11:26)**
- **In labor and toil, in sleepless nights often, in hunger and thirst, in abstinence from food many times, in cold and nakedness. (2**

Corinthians 11:27)