

Women & More
A 'call' and 'walk' Experience

Do This; or Do That!

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God did not bring the children of Israel out of Egypt to let them die in the wilderness! Why were they forty years in that desolate place and why did so many die? It matters to God that we have integrity in our walk with Him. Before someone ever quipped “to err is human,” God had already said “*all have sinned*” in Romans 3:23.

2 Corinthians 6:14-18 begs the following five questions:

1. What do righteousness and wickedness have in common?
2. What fellowship can light have with darkness?
3. What harmony is there between Christ and Belial?
4. What does a believer have in common with an unbeliever?
5. And, what agreement is there between the temple of God and idols?

“God wants us to have power and blessing and glory.

But you don’t obtain it by adding Jesus to your life—**He has to be your life...**

The only reason you and I are spiritually alive is because He died!”

Anne Graham Lotz

Prepare by Soaking in Scripture:

2 Chronicles 20:12b Israel’s King Jehoshaphat, facing the advancing, warring Moabites and Ammonites, prays to God: “*We do not know what to do, but our eyes are upon you.*”

Malachi 3:18

Proverbs 21:3

Ecclesiastes 11:6

Matthew 24:45-46

Scripture to Memorize:

James 4:15 “*Instead, you ought to say, ‘If it is the Lord’s will, we will live and do this or that.’”*

NOTES on Speaking Session:

Questions for Mentor-group Discussion:

1. A seeming choice—to do this or do that—may actually be an opportunity to show **integrity by honoring God and obeying His Word**. Relating to God’s word, describe the consequences you might suffer if you chose to ‘do’ one of the options below.

●Disregard: _____.

●Disobey: _____.

Are they different? _____.

2. Look up the word **integrity** in any dictionary and write out the definition: _____

_____.



“We say that we ‘make up our minds’ to do a certain thing or not to do it, to resist a certain temptation or to yield to it. It is true.

We ‘make up our minds’ in a deeper sense than we remember.

In every case the ultimate decision is between two future selves,

one with whom the virtue is harmonious,

another with whom the vice is consistent.

To one of these two figures, dimly concealed behind the action, we move forward.”

Henry van Dyke

Recommended Reading:

Let Go, Francois Fenelon

Morning and Evening, Charles Haddon Spurgeon

The Upward Path, Henry van Dyke

Morning and Evening (11 March)
Daily Readings by Charles Haddon Spurgeon (1834-1892)

'Sin...exceedingly sinful'
Romans 7:13

“Beware of light thoughts of sin. At the time of conversion, the conscience is so tender that we are afraid of the slightest sin. Young converts have a holy timidity, a godly fear lest they should offend against God. But alas! Very soon the fine bloom upon these first ripe fruits is removed by the rough handling of the surrounding world: the sensitive plant of young piety turns into a willow in after life, too pliant, too easily yielding. **It is sadly true, that even a Christian may grow by degrees so callous, that the sin which once startled him does not alarm him in the least. By degrees men (women...mine.) get familiar with sin.**

“The ear in which the canon has been booming will not notice slight sounds. At first a little sin startles us, but soon we say, ‘Is it not a little one?’ Then there comes another, larger, and then another, until by degrees we begin to regard sin as but a little ill; and then follows an unholy presumption: ‘We have not fallen into open sin. True, we tripped a little, but we stood upright in the main. We may have uttered one unholy word, but as for the most of our conversation, it has been consistent.’ **So we palliate sin; we throw a cloak over it; we call it by dainty names.**

“Christian, beware how thou thinkest lightly of sin. Take heed lest thou fall by little and little. Sin, a *little* thing? Is it not a poison? Who knows its deadliness? Sin, a little thing? **Do not the little foxes spoil the grapes? Does not the tiny coral insect build a rock which wrecks a navy? Do not little strokes fell lofty oaks? Will not continual droppings wear away stones?**

“Sin, a little thing? It girded the Redeemer’s head with thorns, and pierced His heart! It made Him suffer anguish, bitterness, and woe. **Could you weigh the least sin in the scales of eternity, you would fly from it as from a serpent, and abhor the least appearance of evil.** Look upon all sin as that which crucified the Savior, and you will see it to be ‘*exceeding sinful.*’”

Rev. Charles Spurgeon
on *Integrity*

“You need not say, ‘I am true’;

be true.

Boast not of integrity, but

be upright.

*So shall your testimony be such
that men cannot help seeing it!*



*“Be you as the brook
wherein you may see every stone at the bottom
—not as the muddy creek,
of which you only see the surface
—but clear and transparent.”*

