Webster's Definition: "Adherence to a code of values." "Character, decency, goodness, honesty, honor, morality, uprightness, righteousness."

WHAT DO YOU WANT PEOPLE TO THINK OF YOU WHEN YOUR NAME IS MENTIONED?

Other definitions: "Free from deception, truthful, genuine, real, reputable."

CHARACTERISTICS:

1) Honest.

II Corinthians 13:7 - "ye should do that which is honest..."

Not many today are completely honest in their dealings with people, money, taxes or possessions. Theft in stores are common occurrences. Our society doesn't seem to care as much about honesty like in times past. Honesty is always the best policy. Even if it makes others mad and upset at us.

Be honest. Let's look at examples of those in the Bible, who weren't honest, and those who were.

Examples:

(not honest)

Gahazi, lying to get the stuff. Lying again to his boss, Elisha. (II K. 5:20 - 27) Notice the consequences of Gehazi's lack of honesty.

Ananias & Sapphira, lying about how much they
gave to God. They really kept back part of the money for themselves, but made it look like they gave more. (Acts 5:1 - 11)

(honest)

Joseph. (Gen. 39: 2 - 9)

Verse #6 - "Joseph was a goodly person, and well favoured."

Stephen and the 6 others. (Acts 6:3 - 8)

Exaggeration is just lying! So is embellishing stories. Be honest with people. Cheating on income taxes, your age, your experience on job applications, not paying you bills on time when you know you should, these are all examples of not walking in honesty and integrity.

The real test to see if a person is honest, is when no one (but God) is looking. Honesty is connected to the level of anointing we will experience and how much it will manifest in our lives.

2) Committed.

Prov. 22:29 - "Seest thou a man diligent in his business? He shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men."

(not committed)

Peter. (Matt. 26: 69 - 75) He denies knowing Jesus.

(committed)

Daniel. (Daniel 1:8) "...he purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself..."

Proverbs 16:3 - "Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established."

Notice our commitment to God is related to our thought life.
Paul. (II Cor. 11:23 - 30)

Committed people are going to be faithful and dependable, no matter how bad the circumstances appear. Committed folks keep their word. When they say they will do something, they will come through, even if it's inconvenient. These kind of consistent, reliable, word-keepers, make a huge impression on leaders and God.

God is looking for christians that He can promote. Those who are faithful and loyal to the assignment God has entrusted to them. (II Chron. 16:9)

Commitment is a big ingredient to integrity. Intentions will never get the job done. Commitment will.

3) Humble.

Prov. 22:4 / Prov. 29:33 / Is. 57:15 - "...I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit..."

Definition of being humble: "Not proud or haughty. Not pretentious."

(not humble)

Herod. (Acts 12:20 - 23)

Verse #23 - "...he (Herod) gave not God the glory: and was eaten of worms..."

(humble)

Abraham. (Gen. 18:27) "...dust and ashes." He recognized what he was really made of. This humble man knew he was at the mercy of almighty God and not his own merit or good works.

John. (the disciple) (John 13:23; 19:26; 20:2; 21:7;
In these verses, John diguises his close relationship with Jesus, by not even mentioning his own name. John phrases it as "the disciple whom Jesus loved."

Of course Jesus loved John! But He also loved all the other disciples, too. John was using this phrase (or similar wording), so he wouldn't come across boasting over the intimate relationship he truly had with his Master.

OTHER EXAMPLES OF HUMBLE PEOPLE:

1) Paul. (I Tim. 1:15)
2) The Syrophenician Woman. (Matt. 15:27)
3) The Centurion. (Matt. 8:8)
4) John The Baptist. (Matt. 3:14)

4) Moral.

Definition: Conforming to a standard or right behavior.

(bad morals)

Herod. (Matt. 14:3 - 11)

John the Baptist did not compromise his message. He boldly told Herod that it was wrong for Herod to have his brother's wife. Herod had no real morals.

(good morals)

Joseph. (Gen. 39:7 - 12)

Verse #12 - "...he (Joseph) left his garment in her hand, and fled, and got him out."

Joseph resisted the sexual temptation that was right before him. He fled fast !!!

Cornelius. (Acts 10:2) "A devout man and one that feared God, with all his house..."
You can't be devoted to God and obey His Word without good morals.

Respecting God is respecting His Word. Respecting His Word will cause us to obey, which will manifest in living a moral, holy, upright life.

Jesus. (II Cor. 5:21) "...who knew no sin."

CLOSING REMARKS:

One has to have a mindset and passion to live a life of integrity. It's a lifestyle that doesn't compromise. Having solid foundation, with the firm conviction, to do what the Word says in every situation.

Decide today, to live your life with integrity.
May honesty, commitment, humility, and good morals, be traits that overflow from a heart that honors God. No matter what the price may cost you, follow Him completely, and enjoy the your life as you walk daily in integrity.

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