



TALK IT OVER

Integrity

BOTTOM LINE

Stand out, don't fit in.

CONVERSATION STARTER

How much money do you think you would need to feel rich? If you suddenly had \$1 million, tax-free, to spend any way you wanted, what would you do?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

RESOURCES

- The Daily: newpointe.org/thedaily
- The first of a six-message series on [Integrity](#) by Andy Stanley

KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

At this, the administrators and the satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs, but they were unable to do so. They could find no corruption in him because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent. Finally these men said, "We will never find any basis for charges against this man Daniel unless it has something to do with the law of his God." Daniel 6:4-5 NIV

But Daniel RESOLVED not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way. Daniel 1:8 NIV

"Integrity is doing what you ought to even when it costs you."
– Andy Stanley

"I am not religious, so it is not my place to dictate to Christians what they should and should not believe. Still, if someone has a faith worth following, I feel that their beliefs should make me feel uncomfortable for not doing so. If they share 90% of my lifestyle and values, then there is nothing especially inspiring about them. Instead of making me want to become more like them, it looks very much as if they want to become more like me." – Ben Sixsmith

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What is the earliest lesson you learned in integrity? (restitution, etc.) What does it mean in your life to pre-decide, to resolve? What is the difference between a decision being easy or simple? Charles Stanley says, "Our job is obedience, God's job is outcome." How does that apply to my focus and integrity? There is a cost to integrity, but there are benefits. Discuss them. How does integrity bring influence and opportunity?

ACTION STEPS (This or one of your own)

I will pre-decide and resolve to live with integrity and focus on obedience rather than outcome. I will trust God regardless of the cost.

My Action Step: _____