Learning to Be Whole Proverbs

May 31, 2020 Pastor Montgomery

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II. Why are we tempted to compromise our integrity?

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- 5. Prosperity: compromise can seem like the road to _____. (28:6)
- 6. Vanity: compromising pretends we can change the _____. (19:1)

III. How do we learn to walk in integrity?

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- 8. Behold: Jesus has the power to make us _____. (Mat. 5:8; Titus 3:4-7)
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- 1 John 1:7-9 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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