

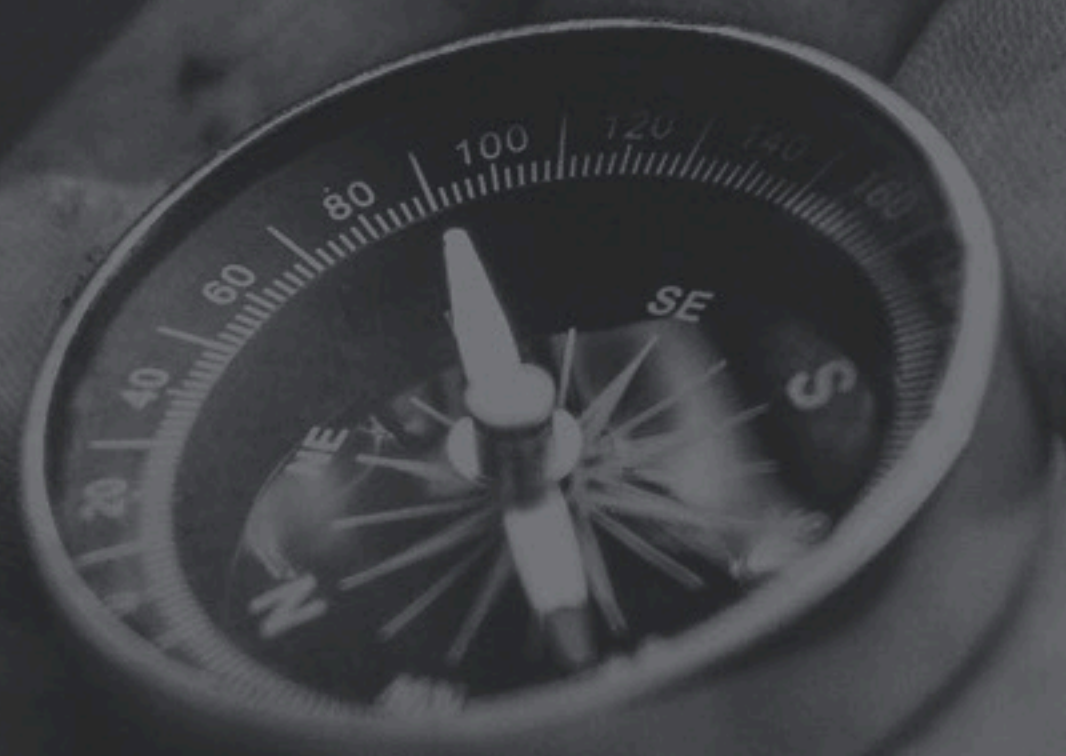
LIFE FOUNDATIONS



I TIMOTHY 4:16

**¹⁶ Watch your life and doctrine closely
Persevere in them, because if you do, you will
save both yourself and your hearers.**

**PURSUE
INTEGRITY**



PSALM 78:72

⁷² And David shepherded them with integrity
of heart; with skillful hands he led them.

PROVERBS 11:3

The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity.

II CORINTHIANS 1:12

Now this is our boast: Our conscience testifies that we have conducted ourselves in the world, and especially in our relations with you, with integrity and godly sincerity. We have done so, relying not on worldly wisdom but on God's grace.

A MATH METAPHOR:

Integers and Fractions

AN ENGINEERING METAPHOR:

Internal structural strength





A POLITICAL METAPHOR:

Territorial boundaries and security

A grayscale photograph of a hand holding a compass. The hand is positioned on the left side of the frame, with the palm facing up. The compass is resting on the palm, and its needle is pointing towards the top of the frame. The background is dark and out of focus.

PURSUE INTEGRITY

Are there areas of ongoing
secrecy in my life that I am
intentionally hiding from
those closest to me?

Unfortunately, when it comes to behaviors that compromise our integrity, the list is long—all the way from prejudice, arrogance, manipulation, lying, breaking confidences and not keeping promises to pornography, adulterous affairs, alcohol, illicit drugs,

gambling, financial mismanagement and embezzlement, just to name a few. Add to that demonic oppression, exhaustion, boredom or unbridled success and our vulnerability is only magnified.

And the casualties are many. The first is our own souls. It is more than a cliché to say that our secrets keep us sick. But the victims do not stop with us. There are people in our lives that we love and lead who desperately need to be able to trust us. Where trust is violated,

leadership will never work and people are
always hurt. Integrity and trust are inextricably
linked.

Yet into the very center of our dark, secret places God planted the cross and hung his Son on it. This is our hope—a God who meets us at our worst, calls us to the painful honesty of confession, forgives us freely and then recreates our inner being with his resurrection Spirit. Integrity is possible because of this.



Renunciation...

II CORINTHIANS 4:2

Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God.

II CORINTHIANS 7:1

¹ Therefore, since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.



Resurrection...

COLOSSIANS 3:1-3

¹ Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³ For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

