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- **Review – “Godly Leadership is Needed”**
 - **The major problem facing the body of Christ today is the lack of godly leadership.**
 - **Purpose: to look in the Word of God and discover biblical principles that will help develop godly leaders.**
 - **Goal: to wake up the leader in us and develop leadership skills to make us fruitful in our kingdom’s assignments.**
 - **Leader – a person who knows his/her gifting and is utilizing those gifts to strengthen or serve others.**
 - **Leadership – influence**
 - **There are two divine calls after salvation: governmental and congregational.**

- **Lesson #2 – “The Preparation of a Leader”**
 - **Every leader whom God uses in any capacity must first be prepared to function in that capacity.**
 1. **The first call is to salvation.**
 2. **The leader is called either to governmental or congregational.**
 3. **The preparation season.**
 4. **The last is the leader’s function.**

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- **Our world today is in desperate need of men and women of integrity and moral values.**
- **Integrity is not an inherited trait, but a quality of life that can be developed to whatever measure we want.**
- **It is becoming harder for Christian leaders and businessmen to run their affairs in an honest way.**
- **Everyone is trying to see how much they can get by with, or how much they can bend the truth.**
- **Integrity is one of the greatest needs in the church today!**

○ What Is Integrity?

- Integrity – to be whole, sound, complete or unimpaired.

1. Integrity is a way of life – a life that is committed to truthfulness (Eph. 4:1; Phil. 1:27).
2. Integrity is character (Psalm 1:1-2).
3. Integrity is being authentic – real to the inside, genuine, pure and solid gold.
4. Integrity is being guileless (Psa. 26:11).
5. Integrity is keeping our word – regardless of the temptations brought against us to do otherwise (Eph. 4:25; Num. 20:2; Psa. 15:1-2; Eccles. 5:5).
6. Integrity is being a responsible person.
7. Integrity is setting a high ethical standard (Dan. 6:4).
8. Integrity is impeccable honesty – even in small things (1 Pet. 2:11-12; Exodus 20:16).
9. Integrity is paying your debts and keeping promises (Psa. 37:21; Rom. 13:8).
10. Integrity is discovering your weakness and working on them.
11. Integrity is giving other people the credit they deserve and being willing to give up the credit you yourself have earned.
12. Integrity is standing on your values without compromise (2 Tim. 2:20-22).
13. Integrity is refusing to be bought, bribed or sold.
14. Integrity is humility – even in the midst of great success.

○ How to Build Integrity

1. Build your character. The foundation of integrity is a good and credible character.
2. Determine to love and fear the Lord (Psa. 86:11; Ecc. 12:13; Matt. 22:36-37).
3. Determine to grow deeper in God's Word (Psa. 119:130; 2 Tim. 3:16-17).
4. Determine to walk in the truth of God (Psa. 119:9-11; John 14:23-24).
5. Determine to live a moral and holy life (1 Thes. 4:3-8).
6. Become a prayer warrior (Luke 18:1).

7. Have a positive attitude.
8. Exercise your spiritual gifts to build the body of Christ (1 Pet. 4:10-11; Rom. 12:4-6).
9. Become accountable to someone.