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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.**