

The gospel under attack #3

Integrity under attack

2 Corinthians 1:12-22

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Integrity: a commodity in short supply

business

politics

relationships

1. Integrity: essential in gospel ministry

2. Integrity: vital for Paul the Apostle of Christ

Paul's integrity under attack

Response:

Clear conscience (v12) holiness and sincerity

Confidence on the last day (v14)

NOT world's wisdom -

“yes” and “no” to suit the situation (v12 & v17)

According to God's grace and faithfulness (v12 & 18)

3. God's radical integrity v19 - 22

He keeps all his promises - they are "YES" in Christ

**He guarantees his future promises -
God's Spirit is our deposit and guarantee**

4. Christian discipleship is a call to radical integrity

actions and speech that reflect God's integrity

reject the world's "Yes and No approach"

**.. you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not break your oath, but keep the oaths you have made to the Lord.'
34 But I tell you, Do not swear at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; 35 or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. 36 And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. 37 Simply let your 'Yes' be 'Yes', and your 'No', 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.**

Matthew 5:33-37