

Restoring the Broken  
Nehemiah 5  
Integrity

Vision

Courage

Perseverance

Integrity

**Integrity**

The quality or condition of being whole and \_\_\_\_\_.

Synonyms

- incorruptible
- honest
- principled
- righteous
- straightforward

Antonyms

- corrupted
- dishonest
- deceit
- incomplete

1. \_\_\_\_\_ and in Pieces. Losing Integrity

1.1. I am Frustrated – vs. 2 Irritated Easily upset

You don't believe your needs are being met.

1.2. I am \_\_\_\_\_ – vs. 3 Fear Panic Boxed in

I keep getting stretched beyond my ability to handle.

1.3. I am Overwhelmed – vs. 4 Beaten down Crushed in spirit

I can't keep up with the perceived expectations.

1.4. I am \_\_\_\_\_ – vs. 5 Disheartened Depressed

I fail, fail, fail. I am done.

2. Creating wholeness and \_\_\_\_\_. Living in Integrity.

2.1. Become \_\_\_\_\_ about sin – vs. 6 (stop rationalizing)

We become numb when we stop dealing with sin like God does.

Most anger is an act of self-absorbed people trying to gain control over someone or something for their own personal profit.

But spirit-filled people ought to be angry over sin because it brings disgrace and division in our walk with God.

David uses two of the three words for sin in Psalm 51

Transgression – Rebellion against God

Sin – Cannot live up to God's expectations

They wore him down more than the thought of the pleasure of the sinful act.

He recognized what he did before God and owned it.

2.2. Use your \_\_\_\_\_ before you speak or act – vs. 7a

Nehemiah took a moment to unite his passion and his principles.

2.3. Be \_\_\_\_\_ and straightforward – vs. 7-11

2.3.1. Call out \_\_\_\_\_! – vs. 7

2.3.2. Stop living a list and live a \_\_\_\_\_! – vs. 8

God has redeemed us from bondage and fear not to bring us back into bondage and fear but to free us.

2.3.3. \_\_\_\_\_ God – vs. 9-11

Principle of Fearing God

Consumed with the knowledge of my personal insufficiency in the presence of God the Almighty, is the foundation of wisdom and unity.

When men no longer fear God, they transgress His laws without hesitation. Wherever God appeared to men in Bible times the results were the same, an overwhelming sense of terror and dismay, a wrenching sensation of sinfulness and guilt.

And God saying, 'Fear not'. And then becoming overwhelmed by His incomprehensible love.

The bruising and crushing and melting process is designed to reshape you, not ruin you.

God will never greatly use a person until He first deeply hurts them.  
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2.3.4. Make your commitments to God \_\_\_\_\_.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ the life of Integrity

3.1. He thought of others more than his own personal benefit.

3.2. He got \_\_\_\_\_ in the work.

3.3. He used what he had to redeem others.

3.4. He cared more about what \_\_\_\_\_ knew than what others thought.

Application:

We are on a journey to restore the broken in our life.  
Today we stop at:

### **Integrity**

The quality or condition of being whole and undivided.

The Psalmist cried out – Unite my heart to fear thy name.  
Where do you need to work on integrity in your life and in our church?

Choose one to work on and pray through this week.

1. Become emotional about sin – vs. 6 (stop rationalizing)
2. Use your filter before you speak or act – vs. 7a
3. Be honest and straightforward – vs. 7-11
  - Call out sin! – vs. 7
  - Stop living a list and live a life! – vs. 8
  - Fear God – vs. 9-11