



## LESSON 6 // LIVING WITH INTEGRITY

**Big Idea:** Jesus described Nathanael as “a man of complete integrity” and this apostle teaches us some important lessons. We learn from Nathanael that integrity opens our heart to God’s truth. It confronts our personal misperceptions, judgments and prejudices. Integrity also changes our spiritual perspective and worldview, and it motivates us to share God’s truth with others.

**John 1:45-46 (NLT)** Philip went to look for Nathanael and told him, “We have found the very person Moses and the prophets wrote about! His name is Jesus, the son of Joseph from Nazareth.” “Nazareth!” exclaimed Nathanael. “Can anything good come from Nazareth?”

**John 1:47-49 (NLT)** As they approached, Jesus said, “Now here is a genuine son of Israel—a man of complete integrity.” “How do you know about me?” Nathanael asked. Jesus replied, “I could see you under the fig tree before Philip found you.” Then Nathanael exclaimed, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God—the King of Israel.”

**1 John 2:15-17 (NIV)** Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

**Romans 1:16 (NLT)** For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile.

### Start Talking:

Why is integrity so important in your relationship with God and with others?

### Start Thinking:

**Read John 1:45-46.** How does integrity help us deal with prejudice and misperceptions about others?

**Read John 1:47-49.** Why is it so important to keep our hearts open to God’s truth? What happens if we fail to do this?

**Read 1 John 2:15-17.** How does our perspective and worldview get skewed when we “love the world” more than we love and obey the Lord?

**Read Romans 1:16.** Why do you think it’s challenging for many Christians to share their faith in Christ? How can you be more proactive about this?

### Start Praying and Doing:

Pray this week for God to strengthen your integrity. Think about aspects of integrity (honesty, sincerity, humility, faithfulness, reliability, loyalty, obedience, etc.) that you need to grow in and ask the Lord to shape your thinking and heart in these areas.