



WEEKEND RESOURCES | OCTOBER 22, 2023

Week One | The Inescapable Ought

USE THESE QUESTIONS AND RESOURCES TO HELP YOU PROCESS THE MESSAGE IN YOUR PERSONAL STUDY TIME OR WITH YOUR GROUP.

Message Recap: People with integrity do the right thing simply because they know they ought to. However, a lack of integrity will cost us relationally, so it is essential to let integrity become our filter for decision-making.

» Main Points

- “Ought to” is not completely up to us - the moment we attempt to justify a behavior in our minds, we acknowledge the law of God written on our hearts.
- Have you ever lied in an attempt to cover up something bad to present yourself as “good”? We all wrestle with the desire to look good, but does this cost us respect in the relationships that matter most?

» Getting Started

- Describe a time when you were faced with a decision where doing the right thing would cost you something.
- How did you handle the situation?

» Observation

- Read and reflect on Romans 2:14-15, Proverbs 11:3
- What are your initial reactions to these passages? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?



- One of the easiest ways to keep a good reputation with neighbors, co-workers, friends, and family is to be a person of integrity. People are attracted to people who do what they say they'll do and who live a life of integrity. Keep that in mind as you interact with those people in your life.



- When do you typically find yourself searching for the loophole in situations that you know you ought to act on?
- Do you have any concrete “ought to” scenarios that you won’t sway from, no matter the cost?
- Have you ever been in a relationship with someone who lacks integrity? What was that like for you?
- Where do you feel the most external pressure to compromise in your life? What is causing this pressure?



- Integrity is a hard thing to grasp with kids in younger phases, and a hard thing to have with kids in older phases. This week as a family, have a conversation about integrity. Pair it with a conversation on grace and expectations your family has of each member.

» Next Steps and Prayer

- Take some time this week to really look at yourself this week, are there places in your life where you sacrifice integrity to save your reputation? Are there places this week where choosing integrity will be difficult?
- Close by praying that God would help you to lead a life of integrity. That he would give you the strength to do the things that you know are the right things.