

**Victoria Fellowship Church**  
**International & Interdenominational**  
**Bible Study Worksheet – October 16, 2022**

**Theme: The World Eagerly Awaits Your Manifestation    Topic: Living a life of integrity and truthfulness**

**Main Texts: Gen 39: 1-23, Titus 2: 7-8**

**Key verse: Titus 2: 7** – *“And you yourself must be an example to them by doing good works of every kind. Let everything you do reflect the integrity and seriousness of your teaching”* (NLT)

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**INTRODUCTION:** Integrity and truth are at the core of the Bible. They are the very essence of God. The dictionary offers three definitions of integrity: “the condition or quality of being complete; undivided or unbroken; wholeness”, “an unimpaired condition,” and “the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles.” Thus, integrity and honesty are closely related. Integrity has been described by some as the ultimate virtue. Whenever integrity is absent sin is not far behind. God is always impressed by integrity. He took special note of three men of integrity in the Bible – King Abimelech (Genesis 20), Job (Job 2:3), and King David (1 Kings 9:4). This study briefly looks at integrity and truth and how we can exhibit them in our lives.

1. (a) **What is the relationship between truth and integrity? Colossians 3:9. Ephesians 4:25. (b) In I Chronicles 29:17, David said, “I know, my God, that You test the heart and are pleased with integrity.” Why does integrity please God so much and why are they so important in our dealings with each other? Ephesians 4: 15; 6: 14 (c) Genesis 39:2-5, 21 speaks of God’s hand being on Joseph. What role does God play in a life of integrity and truth?**

Joseph was probably about 17 years of age when he was yanked from the comforts of his family and community into a strange world of pain and suffering, starting in the house of Potiphar. Evidence suggest that Joseph was most surely pampered all his life up to that point. Joseph’s testimony in Egypt is a clear testimony that he was not a spoiled child. Something about Joseph’s upbringing and in Joseph must have prompted him to determine to do the right thing irrespective of what everyone else was doing or would say. That no matter how many times Potiphar’s wife cajoled him, he could say to her, *‘How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?’* (Genesis 39: 8-10). So, despite the intense pressure, Joseph stood on his integrity, even when he could get away with it.

2. (a) Proverbs 20:7 says, *‘The godly walk with integrity; blessed are their children who follow them.’* How important is the home in raising men and women of integrity and truth? (b) Joseph was not thinking of becoming prime minister when he rebuffed Potiphar’s wife. But by keeping his integrity, he became a Prime Minister of perhaps the most powerful empire of his day, Egypt! What does that tell us about the costs and benefits of integrity? (c) What parallel do you see between the cost and benefit of Joseph’s integrity and the challenges of living a life of integrity for a believer in the world (Nigeria) today? See 1 Peter 5: 10.

Often, we wish that living a life of integrity and truth will be appreciated and applauded. But that is often not the case. Joseph’s integrity landed him in jail. If we have not suffered it ourselves, we know and or have heard of someone who suffered one loss or the other for daring to stand on the truth. Some persons have abandoned a life of integrity and truth for fear of suffering further loss or any loss at all. Job held on, despite losing all he owned. And when his wife pressed him, and his friends too, he firmly refused with *‘I will not deny my integrity.’* (Job 27:5b). We must hold on to integrity no matter what, especially in a world where integrity and truth is fast disappearing. In a January 2022 publication, the World Bank acknowledged that integrity or trust is a necessary fuel for effective governance. And as someone said, *‘Integrity is not just what people see. Integrity is what you are.’*

3. (a) **Read Matthew 5:11; 1 Peter 2:12. How do these, along with Joseph’s story encourage us to pursue integrity and truth even when the consequence may be unpleasant? (b) Joseph said he did not want to sin against God. (Genesis 39: 9). How does lack of integrity affect others and God? How does having eternity in view keep us on the path of integrity and truth? (c) The top-ranked countries in the integrity index are those with long history of Christianity. How do you think individual believers in VFC, and the Body of Christ in Nigeria can make integrity a part of our culture?**

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**Prayer:** *Father, I pray for the grace for me and for every believer in Nigeria to always display integrity and truthfulness in all our dealings in private and in the public. In Jesus name, amen.*