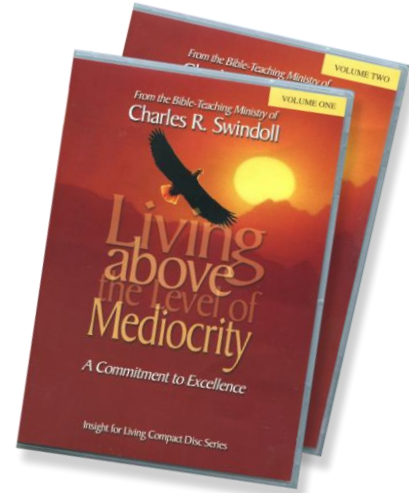


# Walking in Integrity

The world is hungry to see integrity displayed in the lives of political, business, education, legal, agriculture and, yes, religious leaders, as well as citizens at large. Sadly, it is in too short of supply.

Charles Swindoll, Christian pastor, author, educator and radio preacher of Frisco, Texas, hit the nail on the head in his statement on the matter in an excerpt from his book *Living above the Level of Mediocrity*. He said the world needs men (and women) ...

- Who cannot be bought.
- Whose word is their bond.
- Who put character above wealth.
- Who possess opinions and a will.
- Who are larger than their vocations.
- Who do not hesitate to take chances.
- Who will not lose their individuality in a crowd.
- Who will be honest in small things as in great things.
- Who will make no compromise with wrong.
- Whose ambitions are not confined to their own selfish desires.
- Who will not say they do it “because everybody else does it.”
- Who are true to their friends through good report and evil report, in adversity as well as prosperity.
- Who do not believe that shrewdness, cunning and hardheadedness are the best qualities for winning success.
- Who are not ashamed or afraid to stand for the truth when it is unpopular.
- Who can say “No” with emphasis, although all the rest of the world says “Yes.”



The word *integrity* evolved from the Latin adjective *integer*, meaning *whole* or *complete*. In this context, according to *Wikipedia*, “integrity is the inner sense of *wholeness* deriving from qualities such as honesty and consistency of character. As such, one may judge that others have integrity to the extent that they act according to their values, beliefs and principles they claim to hold.”

Integrity, then, is a key component of the mission of Life Care and Century Park and the business practices thereof. Let’s demonstrate it by words and deeds, promote it and celebrate it.

*Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but he who makes his ways crooked will be found out* (Proverbs 10:9 ESV).

– Beecher Hunter