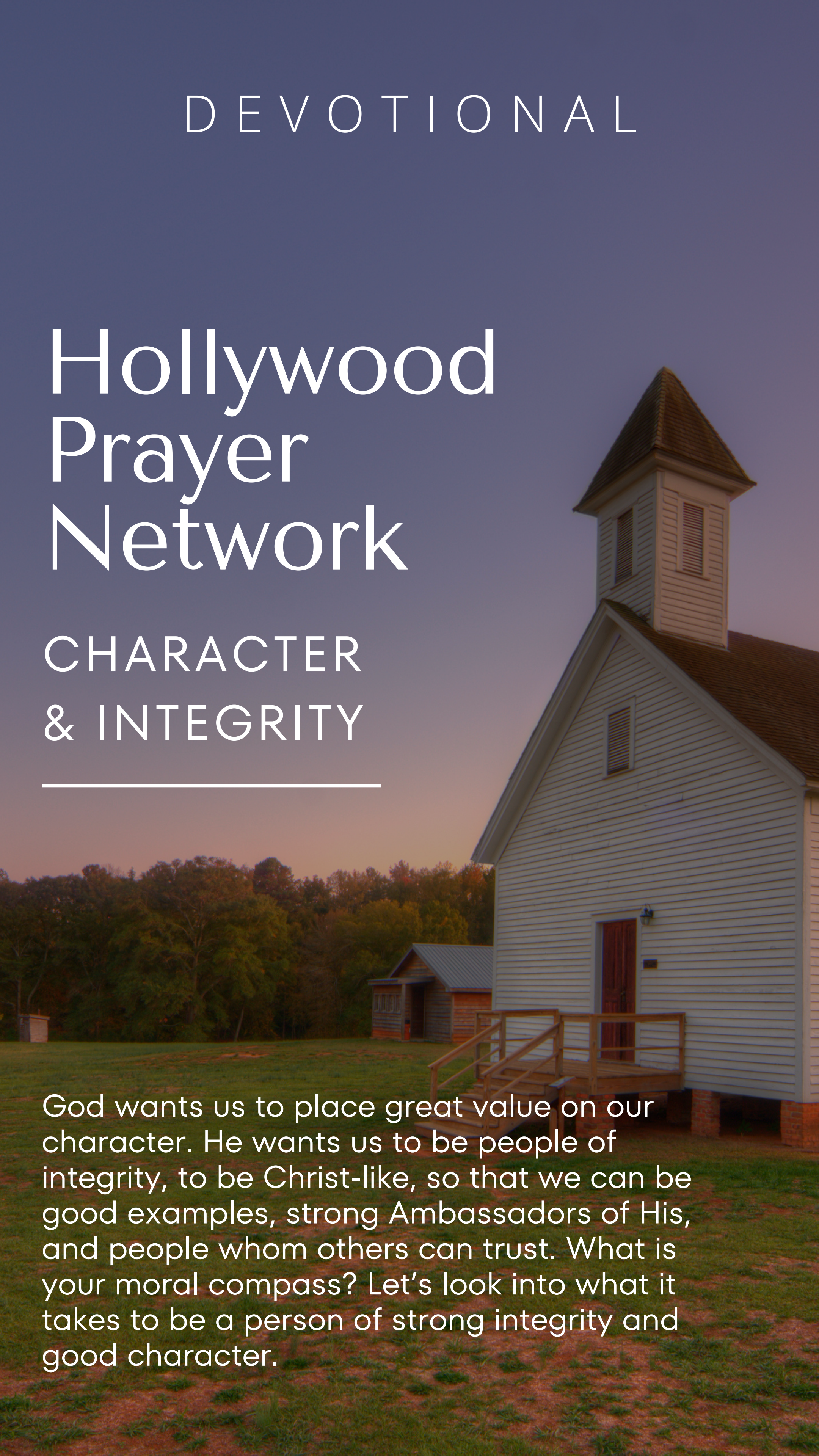


DEVOTIONAL

Hollywood Prayer Network

CHARACTER
& INTEGRITY

God wants us to place great value on our character. He wants us to be people of integrity, to be Christ-like, so that we can be good examples, strong Ambassadors of His, and people whom others can trust. What is your moral compass? Let's look into what it takes to be a person of strong integrity and good character.



DAY 1

INTEGRITY GUIDES US

"THE ROAD TO BECOMING SUCH A PERSON – A CHILD OF LIGHT – INVOLVES ABANDONING EVERYTHING TO GOD: WHAT OTHERS THINK OF US, WHAT OTHERS' HARMFUL MOTIVES MIGHT BE, FEARS ABOUT WHAT OTHERS MIGHT DO TO US, HOPES FOR GETTING AHEAD. WE COME TO TRULY BELIEVE THAT GOD "KNOWS WHAT HE'S DOING AND HE'LL KEEP ON DOING IT"

-JAN JOHNSON

New International Version

Proverbs 11:3

The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity.

DAY 1

PRAY: Lord, I pray for the Christians who are creating films, TV shows, music, and video games, to stay strong in character and integrity. For You promise us that the integrity of the upright will guide us and our decisions. I ask that the people who create the world's media and entertainment will come to know You so that they won't be unfaithful, for their unfaithfulness will destroy both them and the audiences they are serving. Fill our creative leaders with Your character and integrity, in Jesus' name, Amen.

REFLECT: Reflect on what type of people you want our media, news and entertainment leaders to be. Since they produce all of the TV shows you watch, all the movies you go to and all the songs that you listen to, have you thought how their hearts guide their creativity? If they have dark hearts without a knowledge of the Lord or His hope, joy, and truth, what type of entertainment will they be creating? Did you ever consider that the content of our world's entertainment can only change if the hearts of the people creating it change.

ACT: Think of any entertainment industry decision-maker or cultural influencer you may know or watch, and pray specifically for them by name, asking the Lord to give them strength, wisdom, and to be a person of integrity and of strong character. Pray that they will not be duplicitous people as they impact the world with the media they create, produce, and distribute globally. Ask the Holy Spirit to fill them with the integrity of Jesus.

DAY 2

INTEGRITY PROTECTS US

"THE TRUE MEASURE OF A MAN IS HOW
HE TREATS SOMEONE WHO CAN DO HIM
ABSOLUTELY NO GOOD."

-SAMUEL JOHNSON

New International Version

Psalms 25:21

May integrity and uprightness protect
me, because my hope, Lord, is in you.

DAY 2

PRAY: Heavenly Father, please make me a person of integrity and uprightness, for I want You to protect me from evil. I don't want to compromise my integrity even though there are temptations every day that can get me off track and I want my uprightness to protect me. Let me be known for being a person of integrity. Lord, my hope is in You and You alone, so make me upright in all I do, say, and think. Amen.

REFLECT: How can we be protected by integrity and uprightness? Could it be that being filled with integrity puts a shield around us, protecting us from evil or even from the temptation to do evil? And how do we get there? It seems that having our hope in the Lord is the first step to becoming a person of integrity and uprightness. And Samuel Johnson's quote helps us remember to treat people well who can do absolutely nothing for us. That kind of integrity gives us a lot to ponder.

ACT: With the goal of being a person of deep integrity, here are the steps to help you get there. You need to begin with hoping in Him, and then ask the Lord to fill you with integrity and uprightness in every choice you make, and in all that you do. The last step is to trust in His protection. These steps are moment-by-moment decisions that you can start implementing right now in order to reach the goal of pure, deep, beautiful, integrity and uprightness in all you do, say, and think. Because your hope is in the Lord!

DAY 3

EVERYONE WILL GIVE AN ACCOUNT

"THE FOUNDATION STONES FOR A
BALANCED SUCCESS ARE HONESTY,
CHARACTER, INTEGRITY, FAITH, LOVE
AND LOYALTY."

-ZIG ZIGLAR

New International Version

Matthew 12:36

But I tell you that everyone will have to
give account on the day of judgment for
every empty word they have spoken.

DAY 3

PRAY: Dear Father, don't let me speak any empty words. Guide my tongue and keep my heart pure so that I say what I mean and mean everything I say to others and to You. Don't let me give empty promises, empty flattery, or foolish advice. Let me build others up, praise You, and speak truth filled with grace. For on the day of judgment when I have to give an account, I don't want to have spoken any empty words. I pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

REFLECT: Have you ever thought that every single one of us will be judged someday, not only on what we do but on what we say? How will you do on judgment day? Have you spoken empty words? Reflect on any time that you were careless with your words. Have you disappointed someone with something you said that wasn't fully true, or was insensitive, or unnecessary? How can you watch your words so that you don't waste them or use them unwisely? How can you catch yourself from saying empty words?

ACT: Choose to be a person of great character through the choice of your words. Right now, imagine that you are standing before the Lord, having to give an account for the words you've spoken. Is there anything you can recall that you need to acknowledge and ask forgiveness for saying? Go ahead and do that! Then know that you are forgiven, and your heart is again as white as snow, and you are starting again, this moment, with a clean slate.

DAY 4

BE TRUSTWORTHY

"IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU HAVE A GOOD SUPPORT SYSTEM, NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO IN LIFE. AND JUST BECAUSE ONE FRIEND SAYS JUMP, IT DOESN'T MEAN YOU NEED TO JUMP AS WELL. BE CAREFUL OF NOT BEING LED IN THE WRONG DIRECTION. AND MAKE SURE YOU PICK YOUR FRIENDS WISELY. YOU DON'T WANT TO HANG OUT WITH THE WRONG CROWD."

-DEMI LOVATO

New International Version

Luke 16:10

Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.

DAY 4

PRAY: Holy Spirit, Thank You for making me aware of the importance of integrity in my life. I want to be known as a person of great character, one who can be trusted, even with very little things. Would You protect me from the temptation to be dishonest in both little things and big things. I need You to help me with every choice so that I become a completely trustworthy person. In Jesus' mighty name. Amen.

REFLECT: Do you know what your reputation is amongst your family, your friends, your co-workers and even your neighbors? Do people trust you with information, with their struggles, and with their lives? Do people come to you in confidence? What could you do to be more trustworthy, even in little, tiny thoughts and choices? Remember that being dishonest in even the smallest things will lead you to be dishonest with much.

ACT: Has someone confided in you recently? If so, what can you do right now to confirm to them that they can trust you completely? Maybe it's to pray for them, check in on them, or do something to help them in their situation. Take a step right now to give someone a reason to trust you more deeply. Start with being trusted with very little so that you can soon be trusted with much!

DAY 5

THE VALUE OF NOBLE CHARACTER

"I DON'T CARE ABOUT MONEY, I JUST
WANT TO BE WONDERFUL."

-MARILYN MONROE

New International Version

Proverbs 31:10

A wife of noble character who can find?
She is worth far more than rubies.

DAY 5

PRAY: Lord, I want to be a person of noble character, whether or not I am a wife, husband, child, or sibling. I want to be worth more than rubies because of my Christ-like character. I ask that You make me that kind of person. Thank You for all that You're doing in me and through me. And I pray for all the wives I know. May they all be women of noble character. And I pray for my mother as well. May she be worth far more than rubies in Your eyes. I pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

REFLECT: If you are a wife, do you consider yourself a woman of noble character? If you're a husband, do you consider your wife a woman of noble character? And how about your mother and your grandmother? Are there women in your life whom you feel are worth far more than even rubies, or diamonds or gold? It's wonderful to think about yourself or the people in your life that way. And what a gift to pray for the mothers we know to be women of noble character.

ACT: Pray for the women in your life right now, and for yourself if you are a wife, and ask the Lord to make you and them women of noble character. Pray for them to heal, to grow, and to transform into people of great integrity. Pray for their hearts to be pure and for them to be as beautiful on the inside as precious rubies. And wives, be sure to pray this for yourself as well. And know that when these women whom you are praying for get to heaven they will thank you!

DAY 6

BAD COMPANY CORRUPTS CHARACTER AND INTEGRITY

"THE THIRD-RATE MIND IS ONLY HAPPY WHEN IT IS THINKING WITH THE MAJORITY. THE SECOND-RATE MIND IS ONLY HAPPY WHEN IT IS THINKING WITH THE MINORITY. THE FIRST-RATE MIND IS ONLY HAPPY WHEN IT IS THINKING."

-A.A. MILNE

New International Version

1 Corinthians 15:33

Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."

DAY 6

PRAY: Dear Jesus, stop me from being misled by the people I've chosen to be around. Would You reveal to me anyone who may be "bad company" for I don't want to open myself up to anything or anyone who could corrupt my character. I want to be a person of good and strong character so that You are proud of me, and if I am being influenced by anyone who is hindering that, I ask for You to show me who it is and what I need to do about it. Amen.

REFLECT: Wow, it's hard to start evaluating our friends and deciding which ones may be bad company. We're not supposed to judge others but opening ourselves up to negative influences is wrong as well. So, how do you decide if you need to clean house and step away from anyone who may be leading you astray, or encouraging you to compromise on your character and integrity? We can pray not to be misled and to be protected from people of bad character and ask God to reveal the truth to us. That's something to pray about!

ACT: Be honest with yourself right now and make a tough choice. Are you completely sure that the people closest to you make you a better person, or is there anyone you've let in to your inner circle who is a bad influence on you? It's time to determine your influences right now and know whom you could be allowing to mislead you. Do you need to separate yourself from any bad company? If so, this is the moment! If not, then praise God for all of the great people in your life!

DAY 7

DON'T BECOME WEARY IN DOING GOOD

"MOVIES CAN AND DO HAVE TREMENDOUS
INFLUENCE IN SHAPING YOUNG LIVES IN
THE REALM OF ENTERTAINMENT TOWARDS
THE IDEALS AND OBJECTIVES OF NORMAL
ADULTHOOD."

-WALT DISNEY

New International Version

Galatians 6:9

Let us not become weary in doing good,
for at the proper time we will reap a
harvest if we do not give up.

DAY 7

PRAY: Dear God, help me to not become weary in trying to do good and remind me that if I depend on You, that at the right time I will reap a harvest from my efforts. Help me to trust You for strength as I pursue a life of Christ-like character and integrity. I need Your Holy Spirit to fill me up with all I need each day, including a noble character, trustworthiness, unwavering integrity, and the commitment to never give up. Thank You and Amen.

REFLECT: We all want to live a life that has eternal significance. That's what it means to "reap a harvest". Are there things in your life you need to do that you know are divinely important, but you're weary in your pursuit of them? Are you discouraged, or struggling with honesty or integrity in your words and actions? What changes do you need to make to avoid becoming weary in doing good or giving up? What will make you reap a harvest?

ACT: Is there anything you have given up on that you know you should be doing? Ask the Lord to reveal it to you so that you can get back up and start again. Ask Him to renew your strength, your honesty, your character and your integrity, and then commit now to keep forging ahead so that you will reap a harvest of eternally significant fruit from your labor. "Never give up, never surrender!" (Galaxy Quest)