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Transforming Daily
“..integrity . . .”
Job 2:3

Oversimplified, integrity means that there is no breakdown. It has special significance in light of the application of bearing a load and not breaking down under it. That's the whole point. Integrity indicates a person's will to hold-up under pressure. Usually integrity is spoken of in a positive light with regard to an individual's ability to do right when all around them is the influence to do wrong.

In Job, for the second time, God asks Satan if he has been considering His servant. This time He asks in light of Job's tremendous loss of family, live-stock, and other possessions. When God asks Satan if he had been considering His servant Job, God refers to Job as a man of integrity especially in light of his recent adversity. Of course, as always with the enemy, enough is never enough. Satan wanted to sift Job just as Jesus told Peter that the devil wanted to sift him. It stands to reason then that the enemy wants to sift all of God's people.

At the end of the day, adversity knows no boundaries beyond heaven, but thanks to man's sin nature, this side and up to heaven is the battle field of adversity. Therefore it is imperative that the believer know the tactics of spiritual warfare and to get and remain prepared for spiritual battle, hence the need for integrity. Spiritual integrity incorporates prayer, Bible study, personal and corporate worship of God, regular fellowship with the people of God, soul winning, as well as Christian service and ministry. All of these disciplines lend to build a strong cord not easily broken.

Are you prepared for spiritual warfare? Will adversity potentially blindsides you? Do you have a routine of spiritual discipline? Are you a person of spiritual integrity?