

**Building Our Value Of Moral Integrity**  
**Building Our Family Values: 4 of 6**  
**Cornerstone Church of Poway**  
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**Sermon Teaching**

**Big Idea:** In our marriage we strive to continue to move closer to oneness with our spouse as we reflect our Savior's love and mercy. We welcome our children as additional members of our family, but not the center of it. As parents we choose to raise our kids to become mature adults who love God and others respectfully.

Unless the LORD **builds** the house, its builders **labor in vain**. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchmen **stand guard in vain**.<sup>2</sup> In vain you **rise early and stay up late, toiling for food** to eat-- for He grants sleep to those he loves. **Psalm 127:1-2 (NIV)**

“Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.” **1 Corinthians 11:1 (NIV)**  
**Remember Verse**

**As The \_\_\_\_\_ Family, We Will Build Our Value Of Moral Integrity By:**

**1. Making The Bible Our Ultimate Guide On What We Believe and How We Live**

But you, Timothy, certainly know what I **teach**, and how I **live**, and what my **purpose in life** is. You know my **faith**, my **patience**, my **love**, and my **endurance**.<sup>11</sup> You know how much **persecution** and **suffering** I have endured. You know all about how I was persecuted in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra—but the Lord **rescued** me from all of it.

<sup>12</sup> Yes, and everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

<sup>13</sup> But evil people and impostors will flourish. They will deceive others and will themselves be deceived. <sup>14</sup> But you must **remain faithful** to the things you have been taught. You know they are true, for you know you can trust those who taught you. <sup>15</sup> You have been taught the **holy Scriptures** from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. <sup>17</sup> God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work. **2 Timothy 3:10-17 (NLT2)**

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**2. Distancing Ourselves From Temptation**

Run from anything that stimulates youthful lusts. Instead, pursue righteous living, faithfulness, love, and peace. Enjoy the companionship of those who call on the Lord with pure hearts. **2 Timothy 2:22 (NLT2)**

Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers.<sup>2</sup> But they delight in the law of the LORD, meditating on it day and night.<sup>3</sup> They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do. **Psalm 1:1-3 (NLT2)**

So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves. <sup>17</sup> The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions. **Galatians 5:16-17 (NLT2)**

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### 3. Patiently Discussing The Moral Reason "Why"

**"Impress** them on your children. **Talk** about them when you **sit** at home and when you **walk** along the road, when you **lie down** and when you **get up.**" **Deuteronomy 6:7 (NIV)**

✓ **"We are working on this."**

- **Why should we treat others with love and respect?**

Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.'" **Matthew 22:37-40 (NIV)**

- **Why should we get along with others?**

Since God chose you to be the holy people He loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. <sup>13</sup> Make allowance for each other's faults and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. <sup>14</sup> Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup> And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful. **Colossians 3:12-15 (NLT2)**

- **Why should we take time out of our schedule to bless others?**

"In response to all He has done for us, let us outdo each other in being **helpful** and **kind** to each other and in **doing good.**" **Hebrews 10:24 (TLB)**

- **Why should we carefully select friends?**

"Walk with the wise and become wise; associate with fools and get in trouble."  
Trouble chases sinners, while blessings reward the righteous. **Proverbs 13:20-21 (NLT2)**

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→ **How can our family improve in our morality?**

#### **My Next Right Step, I Will Improve My Moral Integrity By:**

- Making the Bible our ultimate guide on what we believe and how we live
- Distancing ourselves from temptation
- Patiently discussing the moral reason "why"
- Download FamilyLife Today® podcast
- Serve with First Impressions



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**Talk It Over**

**Open in Prayer:**

**Start talking.** Find a conversation starter for your group.

**Start thinking.** Choose and ask questions to get your group thinking.

**\*Icebreaker:** Growing up, was there anything that your parents told you not to do, but they did it anyway?

**As The \_\_\_\_\_ Family, We Will Build Our Value Of Moral Integrity By:**

**1. Making The Bible Our Ultimate Guide On What We Believe**

**Read 2 Timothy 3:10-17**

How can I be more congruent in the way I teach and live?

How would I describe my purpose in life?

How did Paul’s suffering shape his faith?

What is the purpose of God’s Word in our lives?

Why is faithfulness to God’s Word so important?

**Read Acts 17:11-12**

What did the noble people in Berea do?

**2. Distancing Ourselves From Temptation**

**Read 2 Timothy 2:22**

What three things will help you keep a safe distance from temptation?

**Read Psalm 1:1-3**

If you were to average your five closest friends in their morality, what grade would you give?

What promise does this passage give?

**Read Galatians 5:16-17**

Why do we struggle with right and wrong?

How does the Holy Spirit help us?

What will help you fight the good fight?

### **3. Patiently Discussing The Moral Reason “Why”**

#### **Read Deuteronomy 6:7**

Teaching our kids moral principles takes time and consistency. We all make deposits and withdrawals. When should we try to help our kids understand the principles of God’s Word?

Why do you think it is important to focus on one area at a time?

Why does it need to be a “family” moral bank?

**Look up and discuss only 2-3** of the following standards that seems interesting to you. After reading the passages, discuss the moral reason “why.”

#### **Read Matthew 22:37-40**

How does responding to the value of God and others sum up the law?

**\*Read Colossians 3:12-14** [Card #1 of Building Our Family Values]

What do we learn about God in how He relates to us in this verse?

Have each family member choose one of these attributes:

Kindness, Humility, Gentleness, or Patience

Tell each other how you plan to practice this today.

**\*Read Proverbs 21:5 & 20, 3:9-10**

Why should we manage our money wisely?

**\*Read Proverbs 13:20, 1 Corinthians 15:33**

Why should we carefully select friends?

**Read Proverbs 4:24 & 12:6, James 1:19-21, 3:1-12**

Why should we watch our words?

**Read Proverbs 11: 25, 2 Corinthians 8:1-15**

Why should we be generous?

**Read Leviticus 23:3, Isaiah 58:13**

Why should we make worship a priority?

**Read 1 Corinthians 6:12, Galatians 6:16-26**

Why should we practice self-control?

**Read Matthew 19:4-6, 2 Corinthians 6:14-16, Hebrews 13:4**

Why should we as Christians treat dating differently?

**Close in Prayer:** Start praying. Be bold and pray specifically.

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