

IMPACT

I **M**ust **P**ersonally **A**cknowledge **C**hrist **T**oday
Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; *in all your ways acknowledge Him* and He shall direct your path.
Proverbs 3:5-6

Passage: Psalm 15:1 “LORD, who may abide in Your tabernacle? Who may dwell in Your holy hill?”

Quote: The short answer to this probing question asked by David is that only those who are entrusting the welfare of their eternal soul into the watch care of Who Jesus is and what He accomplished in His life, death and resurrection will dwell in God’s presence.

What characterizes an individual who has been saved from the deserved penalty for sin by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone for the glory of God alone? The rest of Psalm 15 gives a more complete answer.

“He who walk uprightly.” The Hebrew word for uprightly means blamelessly or with integrity. *All who may abide in God’s tabernacle are people of INTEGRITY that God’s grace gives in salvation and grows in sanctification.* “Our integrity is not absolute nor inherent, it is a work of grace in us, and is marred by human infirmity; we must, therefore, resort to the redeeming blood and to the throne of mercy, confessing that though we are saints among men, we must still bow as sinners before God.”¹ “Without integrity the best graces we seem to have are counterfeit, and, therefore, but glorious sins; the best worship we can perform is but hypocrisy, and therefore abominable in God’s sight.”²

**A Critical Question
With Eternal
Consequences**

All-knowing God, Thy searching eye looks past my habits to my heart Where weaknesses and strengths lie bare before Thy piercing, holy stare. With sov’reign gaze, You loath all shame and know me as I truly am. Help me to captivate each thought, that loyal, loving I might be—Faithful and true to Christ alone, exalting Him on my heart’s throne. Make this my passion and my plea—that Christ be all-in-all to me.

“...He who works righteousness.” *All who may abide in God’s tabernacle are consistent INSTRUMENTS of practical righteousness.* This refers to the outworking of practical righteousness that demonstrates the

in-working of imputed righteousness. “His faith shows itself by good works, and therefore is no dead faith. God’s house is a hive for workers, not a nest for drones.”¹

“...He who speaks the truth in his heart.” *All who may abide in God’s tabernacle INTERNALIZE God’s Truth by meditating upon it in their heart so that they might master it in their habits.*” Spurgeon: “Saints not only desire to love and speak truth with their lips, but *they seek to be true within; they will not lie even in the closet of their hearts*, for God is there to listen; they scorn double meanings, evasions, [deceptions], white lies, flatteries, and deceptions. We must be careful that the heart is really fixed and settled in principle, for tenderness of conscience toward truthfulness, like the bloom on a peach, needs *gentle handling*, and once lost it were hard to regain it. Jesus was the mirror of sincerity and holiness. Oh, to be more and more fashioned after his [likeness]!”

Reality, sincerity, true holiness, heart fidelity, these are the demands of God. He cares not for the *pretence of purity*, he looks to the mind, heart, and soul. Always has the Holy One of Israel estimated men by their *inner nature*, and not by their outward professions; *to him the inward is as visible as the outward*, and he rightly judges that the essential character of an action lies in the **motive** of him who works it.” Psalm 24:3-4 “Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a *pure heart*, Who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, Nor sworn deceitfully.”

Would I be considered by those who know me best as a person of integrity?

Do I consistently look for ways to be an instrument of righteousness through opportunities that God brings my way?

Do I make the study, assimilation³ and application of God’s Word a top priority in the battle for my time?

1 Charles Spurgeon 2 George Downname 3 “Take into the mind and thoroughly understand information; to take in and utilize as nourishment” NOTE: Sorry for a couple of long quotes. Spurgeon says it far better than I could!