

# Sincerity

vs. Hypocrisy

## Eagerness to do what is right, with transparent motives

“Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently.” I Peter 1:22

### God enables me to . . .

- Examine my motives
- Speak with integrity
- Be wholly dedicated
- Remove the mask
- Be genuine
- Be all that He wants me to be
- Take responsibility for my actions
- Be transparent
- Mean what I say
- Not take advantage of others



*Caleb Claims His Inheritance*

Once the battles were fought, Caleb asked Joshua for the land Moses had promised him “because . . . [Caleb had] wholly followed the LORD.” Joshua 14:9c

# May

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<p><b>Pentecost</b></p> <p><b>24</b> ⚡ Psalm 139:23–24</p> <p>Ask God to search your heart and thoughts to reveal any areas that are displeasing to Him.</p>		<p><b>25</b> <i>Memorial Day</i></p> <p>✝ I John 1:5–10</p> <p>When we walk in the light, we have unhindered fellowship with God and others.</p>		<p><b>MEAN WHAT I SAY</b></p> <div style="display: flex;"> <div style="flex: 1;"> <p><b>26</b></p> <p>✝ Matthew 5:33–37</p> <p>Christians do not need to make extra promises but should simply mean the words they say.</p> </div> <div style="flex: 1;"> <p><b>27</b></p> <p>⚡ Ecclesiastes 5:4–7</p> <p>It is better not to make a vow than to make one and not follow through on it.</p> </div> </div>		<p><b>DO NOT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OTHERS</b></p> <div style="display: flex;"> <div style="flex: 1;"> <p><b>28</b></p> <p>✝ I Peter 2:1–22</p> <p>False teachers promise freedom to others while they themselves are in bondage to sin.</p> </div> <div style="flex: 1;"> <p><b>29</b></p> <p>✝ Luke 16:1–13</p> <p>The unjust steward found a way to benefit himself at the expense of his master.</p> </div> </div>																																																																																					
<p><b>31</b> ✝ II Corinthians 12:11–19</p> <p>The Apostle Paul did not seek any personal gain from his ministry to the believers in Corinth.</p>				<p><b>30</b></p> <p>⚡ Genesis 29:15–30, 30:25–34, 31:1–41</p> <p>Laban constantly redefined the wages he promised Jacob.</p>																																																																																							

# Gratefulness

vs. Unthankfulness

## Making known to God and others in what ways they have benefited my life

“For who maketh thee to differ from another? And what hast thou that thou didst not receive? Now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?” I Corinthians 4:7

### God enables me to . . .

- Recognize the gift
- Stop murmuring and complaining
- Identify benefactors
- Make time for gratitude
- See God’s hand
- Show my parents and teachers that I appreciate them
- Express thanks
- Take care of my things
- Be content with what I have
- Count my blessings rather than my burdens



*The Samaritan Leper*

“And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks.” Luke 17:15–16

# November

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<b>RECOGNIZE THE GIFT</b>		<b>STOP MURMURING AND COMPLAINING</b>		<b>IDENTIFY BENEFACTORS</b>		
<b>1</b> Daylight Saving Time Ends † Luke 2:22, 36–38 Anna counted herself blessed to spend most of her life serving and awaiting the arrival of her Savior.	<b>2</b> ☆ Psalm 145:1–21 The more we recognize all that God has done for us, the more our hearts will overflow with praise and gratitude.	<b>3</b> 📖 Ephesians 2:1–10 Our salvation is not based on anything we have done but on the surpassing riches of God’s grace toward us.	<b>4</b> † Matthew 20:1–16 The workers who grumbled about their payment were not grateful for the master’s goodness.	<b>5</b> ☆ Numbers 11:1–15 The Israelites bemoaned what they missed from Egypt rather than thanking God for His care for them.	<b>6</b> 📖 Philippians 2:14–16 Christians who do not grumble or complain shine as lights in the world.	<b>7</b> † John 11:1–2, 12:1–8 Mary anointed Jesus’ feet in grateful acknowledgment of what He had done for her.
<b>8</b> ☆ Proverbs 22:6, 15; 23:13; 29:15 Recognize the time, energy, and training your parents have invested in you.		<b>MAKE TIME FOR GRATITUDE</b>		<b>SEE GOD’S HAND</b>		
	<b>9</b> 📖 Acts 16:1–3 & II Timothy 1:3–5 Timothy learned to love the Lord through the teaching of his mother and grandmother.	<b>10</b> † Mark 8:1–9 Jesus gave thanks to His Father for the food He had provided.	<b>11</b> Veterans Day ☆ II Samuel 17:27–29, 19:31–40; I Kings 2:7 King David thanked Barzillai for ministering to him in a time of need.	<b>12</b> 📖 Romans 16:3–5 Paul acknowledged that Priscilla and Aquila had risked their lives for the cause of the gospel.	<b>13</b> † Luke 6:22–23 Seeing heavenly realities enables us to rejoice even in difficult situations.	<b>14</b> ☆ Habakkuk 3:16–19 In the face of looming devastation and loss, Habakkuk steadfastly rejoiced in God’s goodness.
<b>15</b> 📖 I Thessalonians 5:18 We are to give thanks in every situation, knowing that our God does all things well.		<b>SHOW MY PARENTS AND TEACHERS THAT I APPRECIATE THEM</b>		<b>EXPRESS THANKS</b>		
	<b>16</b> † Matthew 15:3–9 The Pharisees had found a way to excuse themselves from giving back to their aging parents.	<b>17</b> ☆ Proverbs 6:20–26 A wise son takes hold of his parents’ teaching, knowing it will guide and protect him.	<b>18</b> 📖 Philippians 2:19–23 As Paul’s son in the Lord, Timothy embraced Paul’s vision and became his representative to the churches.	<b>19</b> † Luke 17:11–19 Of the ten lepers who were healed, only one returned to thank Jesus for making him whole.	<b>20</b> ☆ Psalm 136:1–26 This prayer of praise is recited every year at Passover to express gratitude for God’s many blessings.	<b>21</b> 📖 Romans 1:8, Ephesians 1:15–16, Philippians 1:3–5 & Philemon 4–7 Paul wrote specific words of thanks to his fellow believers.
<b>TAKE CARE OF MY THINGS</b>		<b>BE CONTENT WITH WHAT I HAVE</b>		<b>COUNT MY BLESSINGS</b>		
<b>22</b> † Luke 16:9–13 An unfaithful steward shows that he does not value what he has been given and cannot be trusted with more.	<b>23</b> ☆ Proverbs 12:10 Scripture describes caring well for your animals as a characteristic of a righteous man.	<b>24</b> 📖 II Timothy 4:9–13 While a prisoner in Rome, Paul requested that his cloak and his books be brought for his use.	<b>25</b> † Mark 7:18–23 Theft and covetousness are sins that begin with discontent in the heart.	<b>26</b> Thanksgiving Day ☆ II Kings 5:15–27 In asking for the reward Elisha had declined, his servant Gehazi brought Naaman’s leprosy upon himself.	<b>27</b> 📖 I Timothy 6:6–10 When we realize that the basics of food and clothing are all that we need, anything else becomes an extra gift.	<b>28</b> † John 16:31–33 Knowing that Jesus is the Victor gives us peace in any tribulation.
<b>RATHER THAN MY BURDENS</b>		† Christ   ☆ OT   📖 NT				
<b>29</b> ☆ Genesis 45:1–16 Joseph recognized that God used his hardships to bring salvation to many.	<b>30</b> 📖 James 1:2–4 Seeing how God is working in our trials empowers us to joyfully and faithfully endure.			<b>October</b>		<b>December</b>
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Character quality of the month

Character quality antonym

Character quality definition

Ten "God enables me to" application points of the character quality

Symbols identify the Scripture of the day as from the life of Christ, the Old Testament, or the New Testament

A different "God enables me to" statement is expounded every three or four days

# Decisiveness

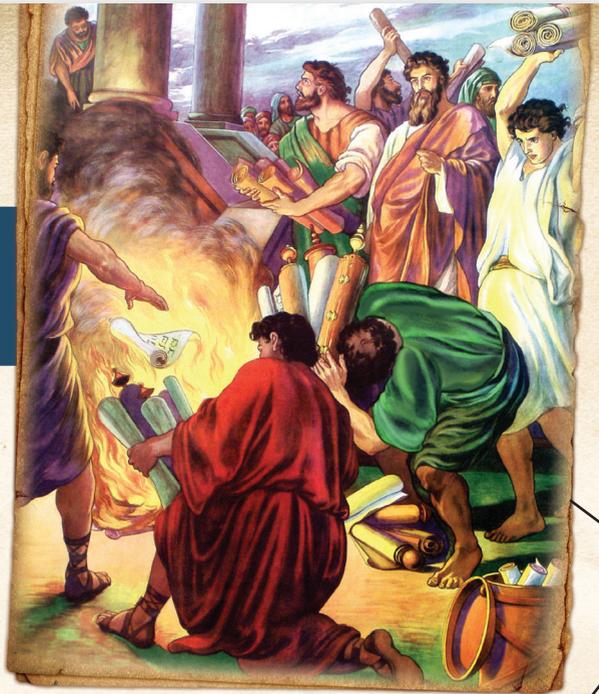
vs. Double-Mindedness

**The ability to finalize difficult decisions based on the will and ways of God**

"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." James 1:5

### God enables me to . . .

- Gather accurate information
- Commit to do right
- Choose wisely
- Avoid double-mindedness
- Keep going
- Not look back
- Do what I say I will do
- Make the right decision and hold to it
- Examine things before making a decision
- Resist peer pressure



The Ephesian Believers

"Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men . . . So mightily grew the word of God." Acts 19:19-20

Illustration and testimony from Scripture of the character quality

Scripture summary statements related to the "God enables me to" applications for motivating reading the Bible text

# January

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<p>December 2014</p> <p>February 2015</p>				<p><b>GATHER ACCURATE INFORMATION</b></p>		
				<p><b>1</b> New Year's Day            ☞ Luke 7:18-23 &amp; Isaiah 35:5 Two of John's disciples inquired whether Jesus really was the One Who had been promised.</p>	<p><b>2</b> ☞ II Chronicles 16:12-13 Rather than seeking the Lord about his disease, Asa looked only to the advice of physicians.</p>	<p><b>3</b> ☞ Acts 6:1-7 The early church leaders heard the cause of the murmuring and resolved it.</p>
<p><b>COMMIT TO DO RIGHT</b></p>		<p><b>CHOOSE WISELY</b></p>		<p><b>AVOID DOUBLE-MINDEDNESS</b></p>		
<p><b>4</b> ☞ Matthew 24:45-51 A faithful and wise worker carries out his duties whether or not the leader is present.</p>	<p><b>5</b> ☞ Daniel 1:8-17 Even before facing temptation, Daniel made a commitment not to defile himself.</p>	<p><b>6</b> ☞ I Thessalonians 2:13-17 In times of deception, believers must stand fast and hold to the apostles' teaching.</p>	<p><b>7</b> ☞ Luke 2:1-7 &amp; Micah 5:2 By obeying a government decree, Joseph and Mary unknowingly fulfilled prophecy.</p>	<p><b>8</b> ☞ Proverbs 3:5-7 Wise decision-making is the fruit of trusting God, fearing God, and turning away from evil.</p>	<p><b>9</b> ☞ I Timothy 6:3-5 Holding to sound doctrine can help us recognize the dangers of heeding false teachers.</p>	<p><b>10</b> ☞ John 12:4-6, 13:29 Judas, the group treasurer, outwardly followed Christ, but secretly focused on temporal values.</p>
<p><b>MINDEDNESS</b></p>		<p><b>KEEP GOING</b></p>		<p><b>DO NOT LOOK BACK</b></p>		
<p><b>11</b> ☞ Proverbs 5:1-14 Young men should do all they can to avoid the temptations and consequences of associating with a strange woman.</p>	<p><b>12</b> ☞ James 1:5-8 A double-minded man is unstable, tossed between competing loyalties.</p>	<p><b>13</b> ☞ Luke 9:61-62 Do not look back when you know you have made the right decision.</p>	<p><b>14</b> ☞ I Kings 2:1-15 Elisha could not be persuaded to leave his master's side until God took Elijah to heaven.</p>	<p><b>15</b> ☞ Acts 23:12-33 The Roman captain's quick action foiled the plot of more than forty men to kill Paul.</p>	<p><b>16</b> ☞ Luke 17:28-33 &amp; Genesis 19:15-20 The example of Lot's wife illustrates the dangerous consequences of looking back.</p>	<p><b>17</b> ☞ Ruth 1:15-22 Ruth chose to go to Bethlehem with Naomi, forsaking her former life as a Moabitess.</p>
<p><b>DO WHAT I SAY I WILL DO</b></p>		<p><b>MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION AND HOLD TO IT</b></p>		<p><b>RESIST PEER PRESSURE</b></p>		
<p><b>18</b> ☞ Philippians 3:3b-16 Paul did not focus on past accomplishments but on pressing after the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.</p>	<p><b>19</b> Martin Luther King Day            ☞ Matthew 21:28-32 Of the two sons, the son who repented and obeyed did the will of his father.</p>	<p><b>20</b> ☞ Joshua 9:14-16, 10:1-14 Joshua and the Israelites kept the treaty they had made with the Gibeonites.</p>	<p><b>21</b> ☞ Philemon 17-19 Philemon could count on Paul to keep his word and pay whatever was owed.</p>	<p><b>22</b> ☞ Luke 12:4-12 Jesus gives three important reasons why we should not be afraid to confess Him before men.</p>	<p><b>23</b> ☞ Numbers 25:1-14 Phinehas took decisive action against immorality, ending the plague in the camp.</p>	<p><b>24</b> ☞ Luke 1:5-25, 57-66 Despite pressure from relatives, Zacharias and Elisabeth named their son John.</p>
<p><b>EXAMINE THINGS BEFORE MAKING A DECISION</b></p>		<p><b>DO NOT LOOK BACK</b></p>		<p><b>RESIST PEER PRESSURE</b></p>		
<p><b>25</b> ☞ Luke 14:25-30 Every choice has an impact, and we must consider the cost carefully before making a decision.</p>	<p><b>26</b> ☞ I Kings 22:1-28 Unlike King Ahab, King Jehoshaphat wanted to hear from a true prophet before going to battle.</p>	<p><b>27</b> ☞ Acts 5:27-42 Gamaliel wisely cautioned the council who desired to kill the apostles to reconsider that action.</p>	<p><b>28</b> ☞ James 1:5-6 If we lack wisdom for a situation, we can ask God in faith and He will generously give it.</p>	<p><b>29</b> ☞ Mark 15:6-15 Under intense pressure from the crowd, Pilate yielded to their demands to crucify Jesus.</p>	<p><b>30</b> ☞ Jeremiah 35:1-19 Generations later, the Rechabites still followed their father Jonadab's command to not drink wine.</p>	<p><b>31</b> ☞ Galatians 2:11-16 Peter distanced himself from the Gentiles out of fear of offending Jewish believers.</p>



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