**INTEGRITY.**

Integrity is that one from the core values of the institution that preaches a strong adherence and compliance to moral principles regardless of the preying eyes of men. It is a desire to do good and do it the right way not because of reasons A and B but because “*it is the right thing to do”*. It is that value that adds substance and meaning to a man’s life as he stands on the moral principles he believes in and not conform to any other thing that contravenes with what he believes. Sounds impossible right but Daniel will prove that it really isn’t. In the book of Daniel 1:8 it says: “*But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king’s meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore, he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself”.* Is eating meat a bad thing you will ask, well, the answer in your head is no which is correct. However, Daniel was a Jew and as at that time in history, the Jews from the laws of the Torah (laws of Moses) were not allowed to eat certain types of food like pigs. Thus, eating one was a breach in the law and consequently a Sin. Now, remember that this was THE KING’S meat and not just any king but the most powerful one at the time. It was surely going to be the tastiest and juiciest meat anyone could eat but Daniel *purposed in his heart* not to eat and defile himself as it was a breach in his principles. So you see, it is possible to be upright and stand for the values you believe in and not waver or comprise your beliefs for anything the world has to give.

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