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## The Disconnect of Integrity



**"God did not give us an "integrity" switch that just turns on one day. It requires daily practice of doing the right things and making the right choices."**

There is a total disconnect today between the belief in integrity and the actions that reflect integrity. While 98% of teens think it is important to be a person of good character, 62% admit to cheating on a test and 82% admit to lying to their parents about something significant (parentmap.com). Reality shows and the "real lives" of the famous glamorize the importance of getting whatever you want, whether a million dollars or a date, no matter the cost. How in the world can parents fight for their teen's integrity? The answer to this question really begins with a question, "How did you learn integrity?" God did not give us an "integrity" switch that turns on one day. It requires daily practice of doing the right things and making the right choices. Daily practice begins by defining integrity. A great definition of integrity is, "Who you are when no one else is looking." This definition is a constant lesson for your teen. It means many actions are wrong even if they don't get caught. Daily practice continues by encouraging your teen to spend time with God. The Bible chronicles many men and women and the joys and frustrations that came about from making the right or wrong choices. Stories about David, Job, and Esther are just a few of the stories your teen can read, learn from, and discuss in a family setting. Daily practice is sustained with accountability. Do you keep your teen accountable on where they go, who they hang out with, or what they watch? Is there someone in your teen's life who asks them the hard questions about their struggles and relationship with God? Accountability is a MUST in continuing the fight for your teen. Don't forget God uses your life as an example to your teen. You might be the only example of integrity they see all day.

### New Communication with Parents!

We want to communicate better with you, the parents! So we will be using theParentLink for that purpose. Each month, you will receive a newsletter that gives information on youth, all based on a single theme.

It also gives you information on recently released music and movies to help you make decisions for your children.

You will also see information about our upcoming events on the last page with a calendar for easy viewing.

This newsletter is for you while the youth newsletter is going to be completely geared towards your children. We would appreciate your feedback on this new form of communication!

### College Emails and Addresses

It is that time of year again when we are updating our files on college students! Please contact Sally Schuster (sallyschuster@hotmail.com) or the church office (651-484-5142) with the emails and addresses of college students from our congregation. If you know someone has graduated from college, please let us know that too!

## Pulse

**Below are some alarming statistics on teens and integrity:**

It's important for me to be a person with good character.

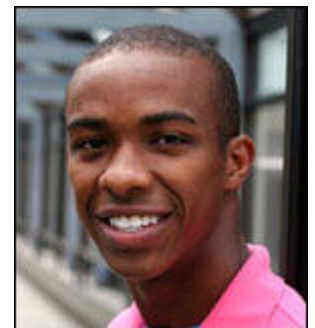
56% - Strongly Agree  
42% - Agree  
1.3% - Disagree  
0.7% - Strongly Disagree

(josephsoninstitute.com)

Most adults in my life consistently set a good example of ethics and character.

26% - Strongly Agree  
57% - Agree  
14% - Disagree  
3% - Strongly disagree

(josephsoninstitute.com)



## The Parent POV (point of view)

Do you think you know what choice your teen would make when no one else is looking? Here are some questions to help you gain some valuable insight into the decision-making process of your teen.

1. Do you think it's OK to tell a little white lie? Why or why not?

2. How long does it take to build a "good reputation"? How long does it take to lose it? What kind of reputation do you think you have? Why do you think that? What kind of reputation do you think our family has? Why do you think that?

3. Is there anyone in your life who keeps you accountable for the decisions and choices you make? If so, who is it? If not, is there someone you would consider as an accountability partner?

4. How well do the following people model integrity in front of you...

- \* your friends?
- \* your parents?
- \* your church leaders?
- \* your favorite movie or music personality?



## Focus on Prayer

### Pray that:

1. God will help your teen make the right choice when faced with temptation.
2. God will remind your teen that while something can be hidden from a parent, nothing can be hidden from God.
3. Your teen will desire a high level of accountability in every area of his/her life.
4. Your teen will see the true value of integrity and will stop at nothing to protect his/her character.

### New Programming!

For the Jr and Sr youth, we are launching our Wed. night program! Here's the schedule:

3-5 pm Youth room open for Sr Youth: hang out, homework, air hockey, etc.

5-7 pm Jr and Sr Youth invited to join in playing games or open gym (or finish homework)

6 pm Supper!

7 - 8 pm Jr and Sr Youth split up for Bible Study

Sr Youth studying Religions of the World

Jr Youth studying various topics

Cost: \$3 for supper

How can you help?

We are looking for parents who are interested in building caring relationships with youth. Of course we need to have adults present in case of an emergency, but we are looking more for adults who are willing to participate in the activities and get to know the youth on a personal level.

We are also looking for people interested in providing the meal in the evening or maybe a few adults doing it together.

Please contact Sally if you are interested in volunteering.

5/6 Youth

Meeting every 2nd Sunday of the month

12:00 - 2:30 pm - Either games and devotion at church or a special off-site event



### Did you know...

\* Eight in ten (81 percent) students who feel significant pressure to succeed, no matter the cost, think it's going to remain the same or get worse when they join the workforce. (ja.org)

\* By the time teens reach their senior year in high school, over 65% will have had sexual intercourse. Almost 55% will have used some illicit drug. Over 70% of high school students and 54% of middle school students admit to cheating during the prior 12 months. (cpyu.org)

\* Many (44 percent) say high school students behave unethically, placing them, in their eyes, below doctors, teachers, professional athletes and business leaders. (ja.org)



## Music alternative

Hawk Nelson is a pop punk quartet from Peterborough, Ontario. The band played independently for a few years before signing with Tooth and Nail Records. Their popularity on the Christian music scene has increased as they received CCM Magazine's Readers Choice Award for "Favorite New Artist" in 2006. They also won the GMA Canada "Covenant Award" for modern rock/alternative album of the Year" in 2006. The band has made a crossover to mainstream while still maintaining their stance on values. They have made TV and big screen appearances, and have toured the major Christian music festivals. (wikipedia.org)

## trends

**In a word of mouth survey done by the Keller Fay Group, the five brands with the largest number of "net positive" mentions by teens were the following:**

1. iPod
2. American Eagle
3. Dr. Pepper
4. Chevrolet
5. Nintendo

(websitegear.com)

## musicspotlight



### Albums:

- "Underclass Hero" - 7/2007
- "Go Chuck Yourself" - 3/2006
- "Chuck" - 10/2004

**Background:** Sum 41, comprised of three members, is a "Juno Award Winning Canadian rock band." Their name comes from the fact that the group was formed out of two rival high school bands on the 41st day of summer in 1996. By 1999, all of the members were in place and in 2000 the group signed with Island Records. Their music is a "complex combination of different musical styles" with a mix of pop punk, punk rock, alternative rock, and heavy metal. One of the original members quit the band over musical differences after being with the band for ten years. The group became a trio and their newest album debuted at #7 in the United States, making it the band's highest chart position to date. Other accomplishments include releasing five studio albums, two live CD's, two live DVD's, over ten singles, sold millions of copies worldwide and has performed more than six hundred times. (wikipedia.org )

**What Parents Should Know:** Sum 41's most recent album is full of foul language, anger, anti-faith, anti-God, and anti-US government lyrics.

**What Sum 41 has to say:** About their new album, frontman Whibley states, "I told everyone around me that I was only going to listen to my gut feelings, because they'll never steer you wrong." Q: Who do you listen to with regards to making decisions? Why?



## filmwatch

**Watch out for some of these new releases.**

TITLE	RATING	RED FLAGS	GENRE	STARRING
Hatchet	R	For strong bloody horror violence, sexual content, nudity and language	Horror/comedy	Joel Moore, Deon Richmond, Tamara Feldman
Sydney White	PG-13	For some language, sexual humor, and partying	Comedy	Amanda Bynes, Sara Paxton, Matt Long, John Schneider, Samm Levine
The Brothers Soloman	R	For language and sexual content	Comedy	Will Arnett, Will Forte

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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## Upcoming Events ~ More Information

### Wednesday Nights

Cost: \$3 for supper (if we have parents providing meals, it will be free!)

If they are unable to come right away, they can join us later on in the evening and friends are always welcome!

In future months, the jr and sr high will have special events and service projects.

If you ever have any questions, concerns, or comments, please feel free to contact Sally Schuster, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries.

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