

The Church on Mission

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me..." Acts 1:8

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THE CONSEQUENCES OF INTEGRITY

Acts 24:1-21

Context: The Roman commander successfully avoided an assassination plot against Paul after the plot was leaked to him. Paul has been safely delivered to Caesarea by a 470-soldier escort. Now, Paul will be charged by a politically shrewd lawyer, Tertullus, and face judgment from a corrupt, powerful politician.

Maintain integrity when you face consequences for believing the gospel and pursuing a godly testimony.

Face the Consequences for Genuine Integrity by:

- I. Not resorting to manipulative flattery to argue your point (Acts 24:1-4; Proverbs 26:28).
 - II. Not resorting to the tactics of hostile, unfounded accusations (Acts 24:5-9).
 - III. Sticking to the facts (Acts 24:10-13).
 - IV. Reaffirming your commitment to the Word of God and the Gospel (Acts 24:14-15).
 - V. Maintaining a steadfast commitment to a clear conscience (Acts 24:16; Matthew 5:16; 1 Thessalonians; 2 Corinthians 3:2).
 - VI. Keeping the focus on the main offense of the Gospel (Acts 24:17-21; Daniel 12:2; John 5:29).
- *If we are authentic in our integrity for Christ, we will seek to lead people to Christ when they question our character. Don't get derailed from the hope you have, and they need.*
 - *Commit to love people and not use praise to manipulate them. Is your witness a sales pitch for Christ or yourself?*