

A PEOPLE  
WHO...



...DEMONSTRATE  
INTEGRITY

5 This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. 6 If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth.

7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. 8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.  
10 If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

# **Elim** Aberystwyth

Love God Love People Caru Duw Caru Pobl

- **Our Values**

(deeply ingrained/aspirational principles)

- **A people who...**

- ... are Christ-centred

- ... are Bible-shaped

- ... are Family

- ... are Vibrant

- ... Demonstrate Integrity

- ... Extend Grace

- ... Connect

# Integrity

1. the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles.

2. the state of being whole and undivided.

**OXFORD DICTIONARY**

**THE  
QUALITY  
OF BEING  
HONEST  
(NOT  
PERFECT)...**

- **In previous generations 'trust' was often assumed by job-title, social standing or position**
- **Trust has been abused or broken by so many in so many ways that these days it has to be earned**
- **We are not called to be sceptical, but we are to be wise**





“Do not judge, or you too will be judged. 2 For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

**MATTHEW 7**

3 "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? 4 How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye?

**MATTHEW 7**

5 You hypocrite,  
first take the plank  
out of your own  
eye, and then you  
will see clearly to  
remove the speck  
from your brother's  
eye.

**MATTHEW 7**

- **We cannot assume the role of judge over the speck in anyone else's eye due to the what we have in our own eyes!**
- **That does not mean we do not have to make judgements about what is right and wrong**
- **Knowing the grace God extends to us helps us to extend grace to others**



- **None of us would like all of our deepest and darkest thoughts and actions displayed onscreen!**
- **The reality of a person's character is revealed when nobody is looking**
- **We dont need everyone to know every detail of our lives, but be real**

**BeReal.**





- **We can put on the most wonderful performance onstage whilst unseen damage backstage**
- **'Don't let your gifting take you to where your character can't keep you'**
  - **Gifts are given, fruit grows**
- **We tend to be impressed by gifting, but God sees the heart (1 Sam 16:7)**

**THE STATE  
(ASPIRATION)  
OF BEING  
WHOLE  
AND  
UNDIVIDED...**



- **If something happens to damage structural integrity of a building it leads to danger**
- **If something (or someone) is threatening your integrity then you are wise to deal with it**
- **Some things can test your integrity, some things can damage it**

23 Search me, God,  
and know my  
heart; test me and  
know my anxious  
thoughts. 24 See if  
there is any  
offensive way in  
me, and lead me  
in the way  
everlasting.

**PSALM 139**

**BE HONEST  
WITH  
YOURSELF**

**UNDERSTAND  
AND ACCEPT  
YOUR OWN  
FALLIBILITY**



**BE HONEST  
WITH GOD**

**UNDERSTAND  
AND TRUST  
IN HIS  
INFALLIBILITY**

**BE HONEST  
WITH  
OTHERS**

**UNDERSTAND  
AND ACCEPT  
FALLIBILITY  
IN OTHERS**

19Consequently,  
you are no longer  
foreigners and  
strangers, but  
fellow citizens with  
God's people and  
also members of  
his household,

**EPHESIANS 2**

20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. 21 In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord.

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