

Capacity Righteousness and Integrity: Integrity, Probity, & Honor; Terms that Define the Character of the Mature Christian Soldier; Three Sanctifications

III. Capacity Righteousness & Integrity.

1. As capacity righteousness develops in the soul of the believer there is an accompanying increase in his personal integrity.
2. Capacity righteousness is what results from a high inventory of doctrinal ideas. Integrity defines the character of the believer who possesses these ideas.
3. *Cosmos diabolicus* will consistently challenge the believer's integrity but when he is loyal to doctrine in his soul then his integrity is proved under pressure which is called probity.
4. When one's integrity is proved then the believer's probity is observed by others as honor.
5. The terms used here need to be defined, so we consult several dictionaries to gather together a complete picture of their meanings.

Integrity: Unimpaired moral state; freedom from moral corruption; innocence, sinlessness. Soundness of moral principle; the character of uncorrupted virtue, especially in relation to truth and fair dealing [OED]. The entire, unimpaired state of anything, particularly of the mind; moral soundness and purity; incorruptness. Integrity comprehends the whole moral character, but it has special reference to uprightness in mutual dealings for others [AD/EL].

Probity: Latin: *probus*: good, excellent; morally good, upright, virtuous [CLED]. Tried virtue or integrity. [WNCD-2]. Proven integrity [AHD/EL]. Moral excellence, integrity, uprightness, honesty [OED]. Primarily, tried virtue or integrity; but in general, strict honesty; veracity; strict conformity of actions to the laws of justice. *Probity* of mind is best evinced by *probity* of conduct in social dealings, particularly in adhering to strict integrity in the observance and performance of rights called *imperfect*, which public laws do not reach and cannot enforce. [AD/EL].

Honor: Esteem, respect, reverence. Reputation; good name. Nobility of mind. Personal integrity maintained without legal or other obligation. **Synonyms:** The feeling or expression of admiration, respect, or esteem: *Honor*, the most general term, is applicable both to the feeling and to the expression. *Homage* is an expression of high regard. *Reverence* is a feeling of deep respect and devotion. *Veneration* is both the feeling and worshipful expression of respect, love, awe, especially for one whose wisdom, dignity, sacredness, rank, or age merits such attention. *Deference* is respect or courteous regard for one who takes the form of yielding to his judgment or wishes [AHD/EL]. In *principle*, an upright disposition; moral rectitude of heart; a disposition to conform to justice and correct moral principles. Actual conformity to justice and moral rectitude [AD/EL].

NOTE: These three words unite to form a principle that we have noted in the past but which give us some new vocabulary words by which to define it:

$$D \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{Pr}{IS} \quad + \quad P \rightarrow D \quad = \quad H$$

Doctrine (D) resident in the stream of consciousness *produces* (→) *Integrity of Soul* (IS). When *Integrity of Soul* (IS) is placed *under Pressure* (Pr) and the believer expresses *Probity toward Doctrine* (P→D) then he is a person of *Honor* (H) which is how *Integrity of Soul* (IS) is manifest to the world.

Honor is that which rightfully attracts esteem, such as dignity and courage; especially excellence of character. It is a keen sense of ethical conduct; a sense of what is right, just, and true. A fastidious allegiance to the standards of one's profession, calling, or position. Personal integrity maintained without legal or other obligation.

6. This equation presents the modus operandi of the person that possesses capacity righteousness. By willingly submitting to God's policies, the doctrines they reveal become the paths of least resistance for a believer's thoughts, decisions, and actions.
7. Probity toward doctrine is service to God. It is the battlefield function of a believer who is a good soldier for Christ. Such loyalty to the divine system results in capacity for blessings and rewards through the grace pipeline: the channel of blessing from justice to the believer's imputed righteousness.
8. True happiness occurs when the believer shares the happiness of God. His inventory of doctrinal principles has produced capacity righteousness.
9. The process begins at salvation when the justice of God imputes divine righteousness to every believer. This opens the grace pipeline through which flows logistical grace support.
10. The baptism of the Holy Spirit puts believers in union with Christ. Since Christ is now seated at the right hand of God and they are "in Him," this means that they are positionally seated with Christ at the right hand of God.
11. As members of the royal family they enjoy the positional sanctification which provides them with divine protection. Set apart from the mass of unbelievers for special service to God, they have equal protection and equal opportunity to learn and execute God's will, plan, and purpose for their lives.
12. By growing in grace, the believer moves toward experiential sanctification, the post-salvation process of developing doctrinal wisdom during the advance toward the sophisticated spiritual life.
13. Functioning under the three spiritual skills is what facilitates this advance: the filling of the Holy Spirit, consistent Bible study, inculcation of biblical truth, and the application of the ten problem-solving devices to life and circumstances.
14. Experiential sanctification thus becomes experiential righteousness which increases with one's spiritual growth and which provides capacity for blessings.
15. As our capacity righteousness increases our capacity for blessings increases accordingly culminating at spiritual maturity with the conveyance of escrow blessings in time.
16. Ultimate capacity for blessings is a part of ultimate sanctification which occurs in the eternal state. All believers will be a part of the Rapture of the Church.