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THE INTEGRATED ME

I'm OK, I'm Broken – Part 5

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“What is integrity? Means wholeness, entireness, completeness. The root word integer means untouched, intact, entire... A person with integrity is not divided (that's duplicity) or merely pretending (that's hypocrisy). He or she is whole; life is put together, and things are working together harmoniously. People with integrity have nothing to hide and nothing to fear. Their lives are open books. They are integers.” - Warren Wiersbe

1. THE DEMANDING, INSATIABLE, FLAILING FALSE SELF

“We yearn to believe that in some way we are important. This inner drive is as important as our need for water and oxygen.” - R.C. Sproul

“I have an iron will. And all of my will has always been to conquer some horrible feeling of inadequacy. I'm always struggling with that fear. I push past one spell of it and discover myself as a special human being and then I get to another stage and I think I'm mediocre and uninteresting and I find a way to get myself out of that again and again. My drive in life is the horrible fear of being mediocre. That's always been pushing me, pushing me. Even though I've become somebody I still have to prove that I am somebody. My struggle has never ended and it probably never will.” - Madonna

“Deep down inside our greatest fear is that we don't matter, that we are not important. The worse thing for you and me is not to be hated or opposed... The worse thing is to be ignored, to not matter. The thing we fear the most is that we are unimportant, marginal. Every human heart tries to manufacture glory... If we think we are small, we act big.” - Timothy Keller

The harder you work at this empty life, the less you are. Nothing comes of ambition like this but ashes. Jeremiah 51.58
(The Message)



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2. **THE SELF IS NOT THE END ALL, BE ALL**

- The problems with the gospel of self-esteem

“...armed with a steady influx of trophies just for showing up, ‘I Am Special’ coloring books and princess parties, it is hard for kids to understand why an abundance of ego might be bad for them.” – Jean M. Twenge, Newsweek

“[The antidote for rampant selfishness]...humility, evaluating yourself more accurately, mindfulness and putting others first.” – Jean M. Twenge

- The freedom of self-forgetfulness

Obsession with self in these matters is a dead end; attention to God leads us out into the open, into a spacious, free life. Focusing on the self is the opposite of focusing on God. Anyone completely absorbed in self ignores God, ends up thinking more about self than God. Romans 8.6-7 (Message)

“The essence of gospel-humility is not thinking more of myself or thinking less of myself, it is thinking of myself less.” – C.S. Lewis

“The true value of a human being is determined primarily by the measure and the sense in which he has attained liberation from the self.” – Albert Einstein

- The path to self-forgetfulness

The epistles of John (1, 2, 3 John) comprise about 2% of the New Testament, yet they contain 20% of the uses of the word “love.”



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3. INTEGRATING THE BAD INTO THE GOOD

That's why we can be so sure that EVERY DETAIL in our lives of love for God is worked into something good.
Romans 8.28 (Message)

"God never wastes a hurt." – Rick Warren

What was done to me – my wounds

Alcoholstake

What I did to others – my humiliation

What I did to myself – my failure

"...a familiar captivity is frequently more desirable than an unfamiliar freedom." - C. S. Lewis

