

Tuesday, 8 September 2020 – Weekly Inspiration from Rev. Jason

Good morning; I hope everyone had a good Labor Day holiday weekend!

From Ronald E. Peters, "The word 'integrity' typically refers to the quality of inner moral and ethical character or strength. Integrity also calls to mind other words, like 'reliability,' 'accountability,' 'genuineness,' and even 'legitimacy.' A crucial point about faith in God is that the integrity or quality of the believer's relationship to God is always contingent upon the integrity or quality of the believer's relationship to others.

From the prophet Ezekiel, regarding his calling, "So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, 'O wicked ones, you shall surely die,' and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hands. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said, 'Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?' Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?" (Ez. 33:7-11)

Prayer: Lord, I long to be a person of integrity, to live a life worthy of your love. Guide me in your Spirit, and return me to the path of right-living with myself, with others, and with you. Amen.