

## Delivered at TEASA

**Texts: Jer 10:10; Psalm 15; Psalm 139:23-24; Psalm 78:72; Psalm 51:6; John 14:6; Heb 1:3**

### **Topic: Biblical Authenticity and Integrity in Bible Colleges**

#### **Introduction**

#### **Preliminary Remarks**

The words Integrity and Authenticity are often used inter-changeably. This is because they are very related concepts even though they infact have distinct meanings:

**Authenticity** is about being true to oneself.,

**Integrity** on the other hand refers to a person's steadfast adherence to moral and ethical principles.

The relationship between the two words is that Authenticity is the root out of which Integrity flows.

We will combine the two words. We observe five things about Autheticity and Integrity

#### **Exposition**

##### **1. The Antecedent Possessor of Biblical Authenticity and Integrity**

The antecedent of biblical AI is God. In Jeremiah 10:10

##### **2. The Imaging of Biblical Authenticity and Integrity in the Consequent.**

God created man in His own image. (Gen 1:26-27), This authenticity is supremely seen in the man Jesus Christ (John14:6;Heb 1:3)

##### **3. The Effect of the Fall of Man on Authenticity and Integrity in the Consequent-Man**

The fall interfered with man's original authenticity and Integrity. A lack of integrity became a part of man's nature (Eph 4:25)

#### **4. The Restoration of Authenticity and Integrity in Redeemed Man**

Christ reversed the effects of the fall in man. He can have truth in the inner parts (Psalm 51:6) and put away lying (Eph 4:25).

#### **5. The Exemplars of the Authenticity and Integrity reflected in the bible.**

**a. The Exemplars of Authenticity and Integrity in the OT. David, Joseph, Job , Daniel (Daniel 3:17-18).**

**b. The Exemplars of Authenticity and Integrity in the NT**

The Apostles/Paul

#### **6. The Application of Authenticity and Integrity in the Lives of Leaders of Theological Academies.**

A. The first application -self.

B. The second application - relationship with God.

c. The third application relates to leaders in the theological academy space. Nine points:

#### **7. The Application of Authenticity and Integrity in the Theological Institutions.**

a. The place of Truth-Bible and Doctrine

b. Marketing the Institution

#### **Conclusion**

1.Pursuing Authenticity and Integrity in personal and professional contexts.

2.Striving to be like Christ who is the truth