



*Monday's Scouting Report – "In His Mitt"
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Integrity

"The way something is done reveals volumes." – Henry Blackaby

Would you agree with this statement?

As a coach, we pay attention to how our players prepare during practice and perform during games, how they interact with their teammates both during trying circumstances and during the high of a season, how they take suggestions from you and the coaching staff. All of this tells us a lot about our players.

Another way to say it is Integrity! The dictionary tells us that integrity is defined as: the obedience to a moral code of values that honor, truth, and reliability. It will allow one to keep his word and do his best even when no one else is looking.

What does integrity look like?

1. No shortcuts. No compromises.
2. Full accountability.
3. Trustworthy and honorable.

David Jeremiah says that; "integrity is keeping my commitment even if the circumstances when I made the commitment have changed." Love that! We all know that during a season there is going to be some unexpected circumstances. There is going to be change.

What does God tell us about integrity?

He tells us that we need to take it one-step further. He tells us that "Godly Integrity" is living a life that is in response to what Christ did for us on the cross.

What does Godly integrity look like?

Listen to Minnesota Twins pitcher, Kyle Gibson; "Having faith in Christ doesn't change my competitiveness. It doesn't change how much I want to win or my preparation for every start. Instead, I feel like it allows me to do what God has put me here to do – to love others with His love and play baseball as passionately as possible."

Kyle Gibson wants his legacy to be more than just baseball. Here is what he says; "I want my legacy to be more about Christ and His love and sacrifice that saved me, not anything I have ever done or achieved on the baseball field. Before I take the field, I pray that people see God

through me. I want God's light to shine through my actions, how I respect my teammates, and how I treat the media and everyone in the stadium."

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God." – Ephesians 2:8