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STRENGTHS

BASED

LEADERSHIP

GREAT LEADERS, TEAMS, AND WHY PEOPLE FOLLOW

FROM GALLUP

TOM RATH

THE CHARACTERISTICS WE MOST LOOK FOR IN OUR LEADERS

TRUST

- *Honesty*
- *Integrity*
- *Respect*

COMPASSION

- *Friendship*
- *Happiness*
- *Love*

STABILITY

- *Security*
- *Strength*
- *Support*
- *Peace*

HOPE

- *Direction*
- *Faith*
- *Guidance*

CONTINUING WHAT JESUS STARTED

Choosing Integrity



ACTS 4:32 - 5:11

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BARNABAS

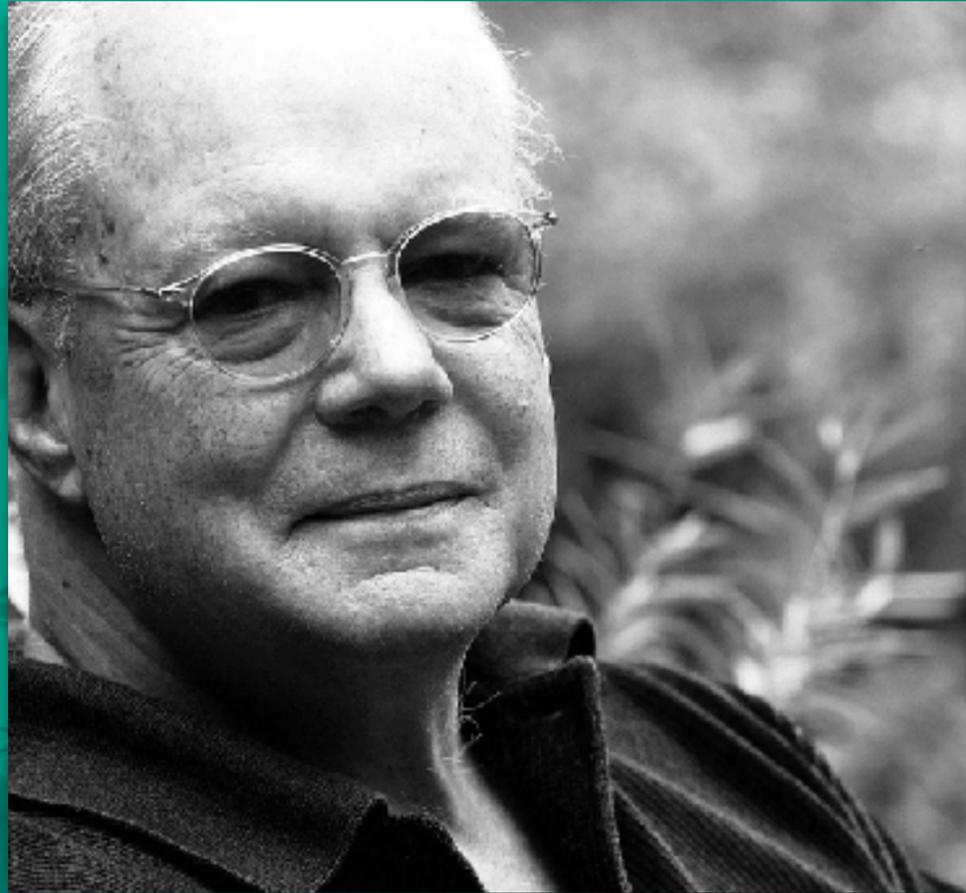


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BARNABAS

Barnabas was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord.

ACTS 11:24



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PEOPLE OF THE LIE

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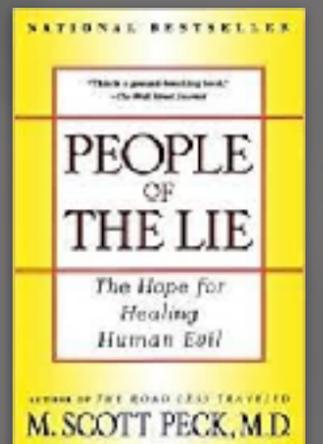
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Lacking integrity.
They wanted a good reputation
without a good reality.

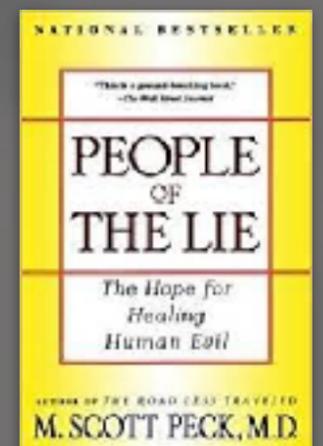
Utterly dedicated to preserving their self-image of perfection, they are unceasingly engaged in the effort to maintain the appearance of moral purity. They worry about this a great deal. They are acutely sensitive to social norms and to what others might think of them. They dress well, go to work on time, pay their taxes, and outwardly seem to live lives that are above reproach.

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The words “image,” “appearance,” and “outwardly” are crucial to understanding the morality of evil. While they seem to lack any motivation to be good, they intensely desire to appear good. Their “goodness” is all on a level of pretense. It is, in effect, a lie. That is why I call them the “People of the Lie.”

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II. WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF LYING?

- Lying damages others
- Lying damages the liar

²⁶ “In your anger do not sin”: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, ²⁷ and do not give the devil a foothold.

EPHESIANS 4:26-27



¹⁸ Timothy, my son, I am giving you this command in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by recalling them you may fight the battle well, ¹⁹ holding on to faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and so have suffered shipwreck with regard to the faith.

1 TIMOTHY 1:18-19



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- Lying causes collateral damage as the lies are exposed



III. WHAT ARE KEY ITEMS FOR CHOOSING INTEGRITY?

- Acknowledge when you've blown it

⁷ About three hours later his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. ⁸ Peter asked her, “Tell me, is this the price you and Ananias got for the land?” “Yes,” she said, “that is the price.”

ACTS 5:7-8

III. WHAT ARE KEY ITEMS FOR CHOOSING INTEGRITY?

- Acknowledge when you've blown it
- Fear the Lord

When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard what had happened.

ACTS 5:5

Great fear seized the whole church and all who heard about these events.

ACTS 5:11

¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.

ROMANS 8:15-16



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