

# **Integrity in Business**

# Honoring God through integrity is more valuable than riches gained through deception.

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#### Proverbs 20:12

# <sup>12</sup> The hearing ear and the seeing eye, the LORD has made them both. <sup>13</sup> Love not sleep, lest you come to poverty; open your eyes, and you will have plenty of bread.

<sup>14</sup> "Bad, bad," says the buyer, but when he goes away, then he boasts. <sup>15</sup> There is gold and abundance of costly stones, but the lips of knowledge are a precious jewel. <sup>16</sup> Take a man's garment when he has put up security for a stranger, and hold it in pledge when he puts up security for foreigners. <sup>17</sup> Bread gained by deceit is sweet to a man, but afterward his mouth will be full of gravel.

### <sup>18</sup> Plans are established by counsel; by wise guidance wage war. <sup>19</sup> Whoever goes about slandering reveals secrets; therefore do not associate with a simple babbler.

**During this time of reflection:** How do I need to be wise with the resources God has given me?