



A light to my path. Psalm 119:105

Live an Integrative Life

We do not think about living an integrative life, but every day we try to make it happen. We try to bring our spouse and children into harmony with us. Or work as a team with other employees. In either case, we try to unify different people or separate things. A baby forming in the mother's womb is an integration of different chromosomes from her and her husband. The baby becomes a living being of unified chromosomes (Psalm 139:13-16 NKJV). When we accept Jesus, he, through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, becomes formed in us (Galatians 4:19). Our minds and lives come into complete harmony with the mind and life of Christ.¹ Fifty years ago, I managed a Quality Assurance (QA) department for a new startup company. Business was great, leading to working seven-day weeks. Harold, a QA technician, told me he did not work on Sundays. I explained that there were no substitutes for him. At midnight my phone rang with a message about an absent QA technician and production backing up. Without sleep, I worked Harold's shift. Then I left after the shift, noting the time I drove past his house. Early Monday morning, I told Harold I had worked his shift and arrived at his house before eight. If he had worked his shift, he could have showered, eaten breakfast and driven to church to take the bus out for children, attend Bible school and church, then spent the afternoon with his family. After telling him we

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Christians have a twenty-four-hour, seven–days a week responsibility to work for God, our families, and our employers, I gave him two weeks to either get a new job or work his assigned shift. He chose the latter. Harold aligned his mind and life with the mind and life of Christ. Two years later, the company promoted Harold to production supervisor. True success comes when we live an integrative life with Jesus. Ask the Lord to help you integrate your mind and life with His.

Shalom!!

1. Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament, formed, code 3445

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