



PNEUMATIC INTEGRITY

Finally, Pneumatic Integrity– learning to operate ‘in spirit and in truth’.

Pneumatic = Spiritual, the use of Greek-derived words has been all the rage since the 16th century. Seemingly, the increase in printed material also led to greater use of Latin and Greek words in standard written English. Who would have guessed?

1. What Pneumatic Integrity Means

- A life where **character and charisma align**.
- Integrity is not built on willpower alone but is **formed by the Holy Spirit**.
- Living in such a way that the **private life matches the public ministry**.
- The Spirit shaping who we **are**, not just what we **do**.
- A commitment to truth, holiness, humility, and authenticity in all things.

2. Why It Matters

- The gifts of the Spirit can only take you where the **fruit of the Spirit** can keep you.
- Without integrity, spiritual gifts can become **distorted, self-focused, or harmful**.
- Pneumatic integrity protects the **credibility of the gospel** and the health of the church.
- It creates safe spaces where the Spirit’s power can flow without manipulation.
- It reflects the **character of Jesus**, a truly Spirit-filled person.

3. Signs of Pneumatic Integrity

- **Consistency** – the same person on the platform, in the home, and in the unseen place.
- **Humility** – eager to listen, slow to boast, willing to repent.
- **Purity** – sexual, financial, and relational holiness.
- **Honesty** – in speech, motives, and promises.
- **Teachability** – open to correction, team input, and growth.
- **Servanthood** – using gifts to lift others, not self-elevate.

4. How the Spirit Forms Integrity

- Through **conviction** – gentle but firm nudges toward truth and holiness.
- Through **renewal of the mind** – shaping desires, thoughts, and priorities.
- Through **nurturing the fruit of the Spirit** – love, joy, peace, patience, etc.
- Through **discipline**—training the soul through Scripture, prayer, and fasting.
- Through **community**—mutual sharpening, confession, encouragement, and accountability.

5. Practices that Build Pneumatic Integrity

- Begin each day with: *“Holy Spirit, search me and lead me.”*
- Keep **short accounts** – confess sin quickly, seek reconciliation early.
- Establish boundaries around **money, relationships, and power**.
- Avoid ministry roles that **outrun character development**.
- Invite two or three trusted believers to ask hard questions regularly.
- Guard the **secret place** – a neglected prayer life erodes integrity.
- Stay rooted in **Scripture**, letting it correct and direct.

6. Integrity in the Use of Spiritual Gifts

- Use gifts to **serve**, not to impress.
- Avoid exaggeration – report God’s work **accurately** and humbly.
- Handle prophetic insight with **gentleness**, not pressure or control.
- Honour leaders and community discernment – **no lone prophets**.
- Keep ministry **non-manipulative**: no force, hype, or emotional coercion.
- Always aim for **edification**, never domination.

7. **Red Flags (When Pneumatic Integrity Is Weakening)**

- Choosing gifting over character.
- Isolation – no accountability, no submission to others.
- Defensiveness when questioned.
- Secret sin, hidden patterns, or chronic untruthfulness.
- Overly dramatic spiritual claims or untested revelations.
- Burnout from neglecting rest, prayer, or Scripture.

8. **Restoring Pneumatic Integrity**

- Begin with **honesty before God** – no excuses.
- Seek pastoral help, confession, and support.
- Step back from ministry if needed for soul repair.
- Rebuild spiritual disciplines slowly and faithfully.
- Allow the Spirit to renew the **inner life**, not just the outward behaviour.
- Celebrate grace – restoration is God's speciality.

9. **The Fruit of Pneumatic Integrity in a Church**

- A community marked by **trust, safety, and honesty**.
- Spirit-led times of corporate worship that are powerful, healing, restorative and celebratory.
- Prophetic ministry that is encouraging, reliable, releasing and accountable.
- Leaders who model humility and holiness.
- A culture where the Spirit is free to move without excess or fear.
- A witness to the world that is credible, compassionate, and Christlike.

In One Sentence

Pneumatic integrity is the Spirit-shaped character that sustains Spirit-empowered ministry – keeping the gifts rooted in truth, humility, holiness, and Christlike love.