

The Integrity Wheel Season 2, Episode 1

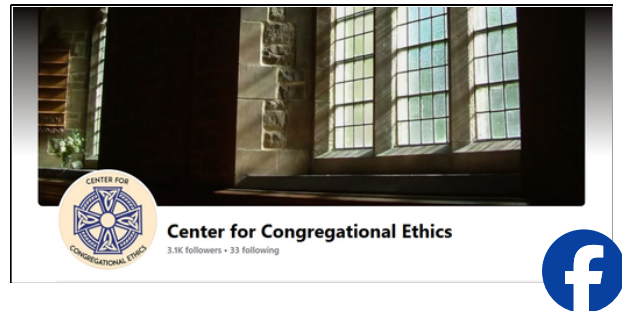


*"Character is what you do when nobody is looking."
(Often attributed to legendary basketball coach, John Wooden)*

MAKING CONNECTIONS -

The Importance of Relationships

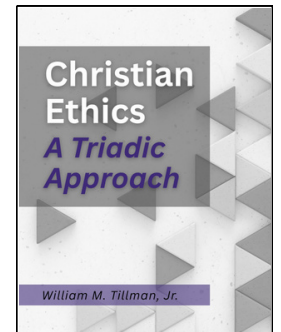
Bill also serves as the Coordinator for the Center for Congregational Ethics, a resource for Christian ethics education in local churches. Follow the Center on [Facebook](#) for daily reflections, readings, and updates from theologians and laypeople across the country.



Additional Resources

Two recent articles were referenced in the podcast: [“The Moral Vacuum at the Center of Trump’s Presidency”](#) (David Brook’s final article for the New York Times) and [“A Response to David Brooks Final NYT Essay”](#) by Andrew Thayer.

Also referenced was last season’s reference text [Christian Ethics: A Triadic Approach](#) by Bill Tillman.



Discussion Questions

Bill and David discuss the importance of character and influences that form and inform character in this podcast. Both David Brooks and Andrew Thayer lament this loss.

- * Have you seen the Christian faith diluted in recent years? If so, how?
- * How have you seen church values change in these years?
- * How can the church engage in character formation?

David and Bill refer to the Triadic Approach in Christian Ethics. Here’s a brief description from **Christian Ethics: A Triadic Approach**.

The three major ethical theories, in my mind-which can be used to encapsulate each of their subsets-are deontological (duty, obligatory, law and order, command, imperatives); teleological (consequential, utilitarian) and relational (relationships, of course)... Each of these intersects with the others in those decisions we enter into, with one theoretical base sometimes dominant but not exclusionary of the others.