INTEGRITY

Program Target: To stimulate thinking about "integrity" and what it means in the life of the young Christian

What to do: Clear a large open space in the middle of your meeting area and roll out a large sheet of newsprint or butcher's paper–the larger, the better. Have group members copy out the Ellen G. White quote below in large letters so that it covers much of the paper:

> "The greatest want of the world is the want of men-- men who will not be bought or sold, men who in their inmost souls are true and honest, men who do not fear to call sin by its right name, men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole, men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall."

Provide a large supply of current newspapers and magazines representing a variety of different interests, along with scissors and glue. Have your group create a mural illustrating the quote with images that speak to them about the idea of "integrity" (they could also select images that suggest the opposite–for example, a newspaper picture of a corrupt politician could be placed on the poster with a large red X through it!). Allow about an hour to complete this mural. As the youth work, guide the conversation to focus on why they're choosing these images and what "integrity" means to them.

Large group option: If you have too large a group to do this all together, have several large sheets of paper with a portion of the quote on each one. Then have smaller groups work on each section.

When the mural is done, find a place in your church or meeting hall to display it.

Preparation Time:

Take time to collect the materials, including a large variety of visual images for people to choose from while making their mural/collage. Select some appropriate Christian music to play in the background as they work.

Bible Text: Psalm 119:9, 10

Vesper or Closing Thought:
When the mural collage is completed and hung in place, gather your group around it and read the quote aloud. Challenge them with the idea that this is God's goal for each of them–young men and young women. Kneel together to pray and commit your group to God as men and women of integrity who will live for Him in this world.