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Integrity is the English translation of the Greek term *akakos*, with the stem, *kakos* = bad, and the privative “a” that negates the stem. So, not bad, not evil. It is used only twice in the New Testament, of Christ (Heb.7:26) and of simple or innocent people (Rom. 16:18).

Job in his trial did not know why he was suffering so, but he maintained his integrity! His three friends insinuated that he was suffering because of his sins and should repent. But, not so. He was suffering because Satan afflicted him and God permitted it as a trial for him (Heb. 12:4-13). But he knew nothing about the agreement between Satan and God in reference to him (Job 1:8-12; 2:3-7). One thing he did know, regardless of the purpose behind his suffering: he knew that God does not act like a fool, or one who has no (good) purpose in his doing, for only fools act that way! So, he did “not charge God foolishly” (1:22). The ASV in the footnote wisely states that Job did not: “attribute folly to God.” The Spanish version says that Job “no atribuyó a Dios despropósito alguno” (translation: God did not attribute any dispurpose to God). Job, though he understood not at the moment why such was happening to him, he did not attribute to God any dispurpose, or action without purpose. Only fools act without good purpose! (An unabridged dictionary will give “dispurpose.”). See 2 Cor. 11:1 (folly) where the very same Greek word used by Job (Septuagint Version) is used by Paul.

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Instead of folly, some versions say: senselessness, foolishness, craziness. See Mk. 7:22.

On the labels of white bread we often see the word “enriched” because in the processing of the wheat so as to have the bread purely white, much of the nutrients is removed. For that reason, vitamins are added to “enrich” the product or restore somewhat its original consistency. As to character, can I say that I am “Whole Wheat” or “White Bread?” Job was “whole wheat.” He “held fast his integrity, his entirety, his completeness;” God said so! (Job 2:3). Do I so say about me? What does God say about me? - *Bill Reeves*

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.  
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

### Alleluia or Hallelujah

I see some hymns entitled Alleluia, and others of the same subject, Hallelujah, and one might wonder: which is the correct spelling. The songbooks use both!

The name is a Greek word, a transliteration of the Hebrew “Halalujah,” meaning praise ye Jehovah (the jah is short for Yahweh, Jehovah or God). In some Greek manuscripts it is spelled *alleluia* but with **a rough breathing mark** above the initial vowel, “a.” That mark is called the **rough breathing mark** (´) because now the English “h” sound is given to the vowel; it is now not “a” but “ha”. So, the actual spelling of *alleluia* (with its rough breathing mark above the initial letter “a”) is *halleluia*. In English we have no rough breathing mark to indicate the “h” sound, but we have the actual letter “h” that accomplishes that sound. In Greek there is no “h” in the alphabet since the rough breathing mark accomplishes the “h” (asperate) sound at the beginning of a word.

Some manuscripts spell the word *without* the rough breathing mark, and as such it is pronounced Alleluia. Some pre-Reformation Bibles in English (Bishops Bible, 1568, Wycliff’s Bible, 1384, etc.), and those following the Re-

ceived Text, have the word Alleluia. The later versions, following the Westcott and Hort Greek text, spell it Hallelujah, because the initial letter “a” has the rough breathing mark above it, giving it the “h” sound. The word, through the Greek, is from the Hebrew “halaluyah,” praise ye Jehovah. Both spellings are acceptable in English, but now we know the reason for the different two forms of spelling in English.

The only passage in the New Testament where the word appears is Rev. 19:1,3,4,6. In the Old Testament it appears before or after many of the Psalms (111, 112, 104, 105, etc.).

The common pronunciation, Hallelujah, has been heard, and so spelled, through the many years of my life, but in more recent years the appearance of Alleluia to me is becoming more noticeable. But let no one think that Alleluia is a more exact way of spelling and pronouncing the word, since according to the Received Text the Greek word begins with the letter “A.” But according to many more discovered Greek manuscripts the spelling of the word has the rough breathing mark and that gives it the “h” sound of Hallelujah. W. E. Vine says that “Alleluia (has been robbed of its initial aspirate)...Alleluia, without the initial H, is a misspelling.” But it is a matter of difference in the Greek manuscripts.

Some versions, instead of Alleluia or Hallelujah, say “praise ye Jehovah” or “praise God.” Most of the pre-KJV versions follow the Received Text (Alleluia) and later versions, based

on more newly discovered old Greek manuscripts, say “Halleluj(y)ah”.

Either way the song of praise is pronounced, Alleluia or Hallelujah, let us be sure to *sing praise to God*. We don’t have to know Greek to do that! - Bill Reeves

### Job and Whole Wheat

According to Unger’s Bible Dictionary, “Integrity (Heb., *tom*, *completeness*) has various shades of meaning, *simplicity* or *sincerity* (Gen. 20:5; Psa. 25:21; 78:72; *entirety* as Job when under grievous trial (2:3; 27:5; 31:6; comp. Psa. 26:1; 41:12, etc.).” The ASV uses the word “integrity” quite often.

When I began to learn to preach in Spanish, since I preferred whole wheat bread over white, I had to learn how to ask for that in Spanish. I was told that in Spanish whole wheat bread is called “pan” (bread) “integral” (integral, total, complete). Whole wheat bread is “integral bread” because it is made of the *entire grain of wheat*, hull and all! It is made of the complete wheat kernel and not of just the center part or germ. That is when I learned the true meaning of “integrity!” It is to be the whole character of a person and it is to be good, complete, entire, innocent! Do I, like Job, have integrity maintained? Only I (and God) can answer that!

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