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Local Conference Advance

President's Day. George Washington, the first U.S. President and “father of our country,” was highly respected for his integrity, leadership, and strong character. While the story of his chopping down the cherry tree may be apocryphal, it does portray his honesty. His humility is shown in his reluctance to serve as President, despite having led his troops to victory in the Revolutionary War. And his true heart showed up in the fact that he was the only president to completely free his slaves at his death. He was the only President to enter office upon the unanimous vote of his electors.

Abraham Lincoln, also known as “Honest Abe,” towered over his people not only physically but morally. He was a six-foot four-inch be a man of prayer. Stories of his honesty include the one about when he was a store clerk, and accidentally overcharged a customer by six cents. As the store was closing for the evening he discovered his mistake, and walked three miles to the customer's house to return the money.

Are we people of honesty and integrity? An “integer” is a whole number, as opposed to a fraction like one-half; so “integrity” can be said of one who “has it all together.” Do these values show up in our stewardship of God's tithes and our offerings?

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