

# Traveling with Integrity:

- \*Be aware of others feelings, preventing what may be offensive on your part. Especially while taking photographs.
- \*Try listening and observing, rather than hearing and seeing. Ask, don't tell. Be teachable don't always initiate.
- \*Learn the local culture, ask questions.
- \*Do not expect special privileges.
- \*When shopping, remember the bargained you obtained was only possible because of the low wage paid to the maker.
- \* Do not make promises to write/e-mail etc unless you KNOW you will carry through.
- \*Spend time reflecting on your daily experiences.
- \*Travel with a spirit of humility with a desire to learn more about their country.
- \*Remember, people in Ethiopia have different time concepts and thought patterns. This does not make them "wrong" just different.
- \*Don't draw conclusions about a cultural trait too quickly. Try and understand how it fits into the overall system.
- \*Don't compare the Ethiopian Culture with our own. Compare it to the Kingdom culture, found in scripture.
- \*Keep your opinions to yourself culturally. People you meet may be "curious" about America, but no one wants to hear how "our way" is better.
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Please remember we are coming to serve, and we are Young Life guests.

There is a saying "When in Rome, do as Romans do." This is evident when Paul wrote.

<sup>19</sup>Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. <sup>20</sup>To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. <sup>21</sup>To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. <sup>22</sup>To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. <sup>23</sup>I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.