

# Credibility

*“For we aim at what is honorable not only in the Lord's sight but also in the sight of man” (2 Corinthians 8:21).*

To be a genuine believer means one is completely submitted to God. Honesty breeds credibility as it tests your character. It is absolutely essential for you to walk in honesty. There are many characteristics by which you can be identified and honesty is one of them.

According to scripture, honesty (and integrity) should be actively visible in your life. Unfortunately, many people have a hard time being honest. Living a life of honesty is a fundamental requirement if you want to grow spiritually and to display Christ fully in your life.

The Bible provides many guidelines, standards and attributes of being a Christian. You cannot be dishonest and think you are displaying Christ to others.

The Latin root of the word "honest" is "honestus," which is also the root for the words "honor" and "honorable." Honesty is the quality or condition of being truthful and then some. It means your actions and words are sincere, candid, and worthy of honor.

You should always be consistent in your life concerning honesty. Being honest means your purposefully choose to not to lie, steal, cheat, or deceive in others in any way. Dishonesty not only harms you, it harms others too.

A single lie can destroy a person's reputation (whoa). Without honesty there is no foundation to build personal relationships with those you love. Christians are called to be honest with themselves, others and with the Lord.

*“There are six things that the Lord hates, seven that are an abomination to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that make haste to run to evil, a false witness who breathes out lies, and one who sows discord among brothers. My son, keep your father's commandment, and forsake not your mother's teaching” (Proverbs 6:16-20).*

Trust is a key element in establishing your credibility and is at the center of your ability to influence others. There is no greater testimony to Christ than to be known for your honesty.

Live in such a way that when people think of honesty and integrity, they will think of you.

*Heavenly Father,  
Help me realize where I do not approach You or others with complete honesty. Help me walk in honesty and integrity always. Guide my daily thoughts, words and actions with Your Spirit of truth so that I practice truth in my innermost being. Teach me the wisdom of honesty where it matters the most. I ask that honesty will prevail in me and through me bring Glory and Honor to your name. In Jesus Name*

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