

Honesty

“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).

A genuine believer is one who is completely submitted to God. Genuine believers have many characteristics by which they can be identified. According to scripture, honesty (and integrity) should be actively visible in our lives.

The truth is, many people have a hard time being honest with ourselves, let alone with someone else. Honesty tests our character and is absolutely essential for every believer to walk in. Living a life of honesty is a fundamental requirement if you want to grow spiritually and follow Christ fully.

The Bible provides guidelines and standards that confirms what a Christian is and what are the attributes of being a Christian. There are believers with dishonorable intentions that wish to use God's people for their own selfish desires.

As a believer, you should always be consistent in your walk with honesty. Being honest means choosing not to lie, steal, cheat, or deceive in any way. Honesty incorporates the concepts of truthfulness and reliability and it resides in all human thought, words, actions and relationships.

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.

Dishonesty not only harms you, it usually harms others too. Did you know that people are very adept at discerning dishonesty in others? A single lie can destroy a 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).

Did you know that your honesty determine whether others trust us or not? Trust is a key element in establishing credibility and our credibility is at the center of our 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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