

*Growing in Truth (Honestly) Very few people cheat a lot, but a lot of us cheat a little. by Julia Attaway Posted in Emotional and Mental Health, Jun 27,*

The correct rendering is, being true in love; including in this the "being true" to others, by speaking truly and acting honestly towards them as in Galatians 4: The latter element, indeed, is the one which stands here more properly in antithesis to the childish instability described in the preceding verse; as it is in itself the more important, and is, in fact, the only basis for the other. Sometimes as "being of the truth" John In all cases it is closely connected with the idea of unity with Him who is Himself "the Truth" John With the phrase "being true in love" we may compare the corresponding phrase of "loving in truth. In both we recognise the harmony of the two great principles of individuality and unity, on which true humanity, and therefore likeness to God, depends. In the contemplation and love of truth each of us is alone; even in the speaking and doing truth towards others we have to consult only God and our own conscience, which is His voice within. In love, on the contrary, we deny and sacrifice self, merging our individual being in humanity or in God. Taking the first alone, we have a hard, almost stoical, self-concentration; taking the other alone, it may become towards man an idolatry, to which both truth and freedom are sacrificed, and even towards God may pass into a mysticism, in which all active energy is lost. Uniting both, we have the perfect humanity, at once individual and social, at once free before God and lost in God. Accordingly, it is thus that we "grow up into Him who is the Head, even Christ," who, by perfect truth and perfect love, manifested to us in His humanity all the fulness of God. The head, even Christ. He is as in 1Corinthians He is also the Head of the whole Church. Pulpit Commentary Verse Truth is the element in which we are to live, move, and have our being; fidelity to truth is the backbone of the Christian ministry. But truth must be inseparably married to love; good tidings spoken harshly are no good tidings; the charm of the message is destroyed by the discordant spirit of the messenger. The more painful the first impression which a truth is fitted to produce e. May grow up into him in all things who is the Head, namely, Christ. Growing up into Christ is like baptizing into the Name of the Father, etc. This growth is to be "in all things" - in the whole man - in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness, in all the communicable properties of Christ. How great the work of growth is that should be sought in the case of every living believer is evident from the enormous gulf there is between his spiritual and moral state and that of Christ. Yet such growth is reasonable, considering the relation of the body to him, its Head. The fact of this relation should encourage us to seek and expect the growth, and encourage ministers to labor hopefully towards promoting it. Matthew Henry Commentary 4: All is given as seems best to Christ to bestow upon every one. He received for them, that he might give to them, a large measure of gifts and graces; particularly the gift of the Holy Ghost. Not a mere head knowledge, or bare acknowledging Christ to be the Son of God, but such as brings trust and obedience. There is a fulness in Christ, and a measure of that fulness given in the counsel of God to every believer; but we never come to the perfect measure till we come to heaven. The more a man finds himself drawn out to improve in his station, and according to his measure, all that he has received, to the spiritual good of others, he may the more certainly believe that he has the grace of sincere love and charity rooted in his heart.

**Chapter 2 : Honesty vs. Tact | Christian Forums**

*In Kingdom Character: Growing in Honesty Part 1, we discussed the importance of living a life of authenticity - being true to who we really are and rejecting deception or falsehood.*

Following is a summary of the sermon: Grow in Christlikeness 4: Introduction A fellow in Long Branch went into a fried chicken franchise to get some chicken for himself and the young lady with him. She waited in the car while he went in to pick up the chicken. Inadvertently the manager of the store handed the guy the box in which he had placed the financial proceeds of the day instead of the box of chicken. You see, he was going to make a deposit and had camouflaged it by putting the money in a fried chicken box. The fellow took his box, went back to the car, and the two of them drove away. When they got to the park and opened the box, they discovered they had a box full of money. Now that was a very vulnerable moment for the average individual. However, realizing the mistake, he got back in his car and returned to the place and gave the money back to the manager. Well, the manager was elated! Today, we are going to think about growing like Him in honesty. In our society, there is plenty of corruption in leadership political, religious, and financial, cheating in marriage, cheating at work and in school especially high school and college. It gets worse every day; we suffer from poor work ethic and performance, distrust, manipulation, and more corruption. Left undealt with, in the end, dishonesty will bring down our entire nation. And, God calls us to stand in the gap on behalf of our society. The least corrupt countries in the world New York City came on third 8 out of My lost umbrella at Home Depot was never returned to customer services. How honest are Americans at work? If your child asks you why she needs to be honest, especially when many others at school cheat on tests, how would you answer her? We would answer it is wrong to cheat. We would say God wants all people, especially His children, to live an honest life. Honesty is to the glory of God: God commands us to deal with each other with honesty so as to please Him and to bring Him the glory. Remember our God is the God of truth. He is the God of light. He cannot stand dishonesty, falsehood, or darkness. Imagine every Christian in our society tells a lie. Dishonesty has no place before God. It has no place in our family or church, either. Because, it belongs to darkness and we the children of light must have nothing to do with it. If we are dishonest, it will actually honor our enemy Satan and help him to gain more territory over our society. The Bible says it right about the devil: Honesty protects individuals from vices. It keeps us from unwanted troubles such as more lies, cover ups, slanders, and future embarrassments. Honesty morphs us into a character of virtue. It also builds more trust and credibility around us among peers. Furthermore, God will reward you when you walk uprightly. He will withhold no good thing from you Psalm Honesty is a best policy. It keeps our society healthy and sound. Honesty strengthens our families. God looks for ONE person honest and upright to spare the entire city of Jerusalem. Christians are the light and salt of the world. We are standing in the gap on behalf of our society. We are called to keep our society from getting darker. We are called to preserve our society from corruption. Honesty does that job. How can we be honest? Before we ask how we can be honest, perhaps we need to ask what makes people dishonest? What makes people cheat? Jacob lied to his father to steal blessings from his brother Genesis Desires ambition, lust for success without hard works e. What would help us to live a life of honesty? God watches over you. Josephâ€”how can I do evil to fellow people and sin against God Genesis God is my witness in all I do and say. On the Day of Judgment, He will hold me accountable for whatever I have done. Think before you act. Begin with the end in mind. Follow the principle of honesty in every intent Genesis What if I struggle with honesty? Check on those fear factors that keep you from being honest. God will take good care of you. Be content with what you have E. Do no harm to others. Practice being honest on small things first. Do it again and again. Before long, you will become a character of honesty and be able to be honest in everything to the glory of God. You are not alone. You are not any worse than many people in the Bible. God will teach you throughout your life and help you to grow up, one lesson at a time until you get it. Embrace His training with gratitude and trust. God will train you through and through in your life until honesty becomes a part of you. You can count on His faithfulness and patience.

**Chapter 3 : The Power of Truth - Truth, Integrity & Honesty Quotes**

*But I think that God wants us to grow in character in the area of honesty and to challenge ourselves to really live blamelessly and above reproach. What does scripture say about honesty and lying? First of all, the Bible is clear that Satan is the "father of lies" (John ), and Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life (John ).*

Growing up, I always took the notion of truth completely for granted. As I got older, I started to question some of the things I had been taught as a child. Was there really an all-powerful puppet-master in the sky, watching everything I did, said, and thought, and also controlling everything that happens in the world? I went through my adolescent rebellion against religion, which in the Western world is often caused in part by the incongruities between the Bible – especially the Old Testament – and the innate Indo-European sensibility. In the course of being an angry young atheist, I lost God and found Nietzsche. At first I was just attracted to the sheer power of his writing, his philosophizing with a hammer. But later, I started to actually develop some understanding of his ideas. In his transvaluation of values, Nietzsche rejected not merely the god of the Bible – something most intelligent teenagers learn to do – but most of the metaphysical underpinnings of the entire Western worldview as I knew it, including the very concept of truth itself. Among the Greeks, *aletheia* was a prominent or even dominant concept and goal in philosophy, especially for Plato. This carried over directly into the New Testament – which I regard as primarily an Indo-European document, in spite of the abundant Judaic themes and references, both because it is written in Greek and because the figure of Jesus Christ, in his essential characteristics and certainly in the esoteric traditions of European Christianity, has deeper roots in Indo-European solar mythology than in Jewish tradition. In the Jewish Ten Commandments, Yahweh tells the Hebrews that they should not bear false witness in court. But Christianity re-interpreted this as a prohibition against all lying. This is because in Christianity, which for better and for worse was the religion of Europe for over a thousand years, truth is actually equated with God. Our high valuation of truth is also related to a high valuation of loyalty. For us, all of these values – truth, loyalty, faithfulness – are related, and come from the same source, like Platonic Ideals that all emanate from the Good. The virtue of honesty is a corollary of the value of truth, and the history of Indo-European moral and ethical philosophy demonstrates a tradition of high regard for this virtue. The most extreme example of this is probably the philosophy of Immanuel Kant, who famously argued that if a murderer knocked at your door looking for someone whom you knew to be hiding nearby, you should not lie to the murderer. It also illustrates how some of our values can be both a strength and a weakness, depending on the situation we find ourselves in. Or at least, that is how this woman interpreted it. It was a well-intentioned enterprise that was supposed to strengthen their bonds of affection and trust, though I thought they wasted an awful lot of time expressing feelings and opinions that were fleeting, unimportant, and which need not be dwelt upon, or even expressed at all. Of course, this woman and her two friends were white, and also a bit on the hippy side. We trust our neighbors and kinsmen because we expect them to be honest and honorable with us, and us with them. This level of trust and honesty is difficult to maintain even in a small homogeneous group, as my hippy friends learned through experience. In a larger, heterogeneous group, it is considerably more difficult – some would say virtually impossible. The West and the Rest In reflecting on the concept of truth and its role as a value of Indo-European civilizations, I have come to believe that it is not, in fact, a universal value. While it is not unique to IE peoples as a concept, what is unique is the high value that we place on it. One of the mistakes that people often make is to assume that all human beings think the same way they do. At first, it seemed impossible to me that any thinking person in China would believe that American presidents from John Tyler to Barack Obama had all somehow learned the statecraft axioms of the Warring States period and decided to apply these little-known concepts to control China. But then I realized that many in China think of these axioms as universal truths. They know America is the most powerful nation in the world, and they assume America will act as selfishly, cynically, and ruthlessly as did every hegemon in the era of the Warring States. In contrast to these Chinese leaders who believe that Americans are as sly and sneaky as themselves, there are the American and European liberals, who believe that inside each Chinese, Arab, and African is a

good little white man who is just waiting for the right dose of democracy, feminism and capitalism to bring out his full potential so he can become just like us, only darker. Indeed, some Leftist critics of Western imperialism and colonialism have addressed this ignorant and false assumption. The tendency to assume equivalence of perspective and intention amongst peoples is perhaps universal, or at least is not limited to White peoples. It is universal in its application, but not in its origin. But this same love of truth, which motivated the Pre-Socratics in their primary investigations of phenomena, and Socrates in his endless questioning, and which reached its apotheosis in Christian doctrine, eventually became its own undoing. As scientific knowledge developed, truth ultimately came to be seen as being in conflict with religion. The Christian worship of truth as God and God as truth, incarnated as Jesus Christ, gave way to the terrible realization that truth did not, in fact, accord with Christian teachings on the nature of the world. Western man has not even begun to recover from this catastrophe. After the collapse of European Christianity in the 18th and 19th centuries, it was only a short time before even the notion of truth itself was then questioned and dismissed, firstly and most famously by Nietzsche himself. For a people with such a unique love of truth, there may well be no recovering from such a fundamental loss. Much discourse on the Right concerns being honest about uncomfortable truths, such as racial and gender differences, or the friend-enemy distinction at the root of politics. But because the contemporary West lacks a comprehensive philosophical and spiritual framework, these little truths lack any connection to notions of higher, permanent, transcendent Truth.

**Chapter 4 : Sermon: Grow in Christlikeness (4): Honesty – Manahawkin United Methodist Church**

*Honesty is important in all that we do and it's never too early to teach kids about the importance of honesty. These children's books about honesty will help your kids learn about the importance of being honest. Favorite books that focus on the theme of HONESTY including a FREE printable.*

Speaking the Truth in Love One of the most common problem areas in troubled marriages is a lack of communication. This situation is partly a product of our society, for many children grow up in homes where little constructive communication ever takes place. Family togetherness has degenerated to a joint television viewing; anyone who dares to say anything is told to keep quiet because the others cannot hear! The latest trend is for each family member to have his own TV, so that he can watch what he wants without distractions or interruptions. All inter-family communication is thus destroyed. Another factor which contributes to the absence of family communication is our tendency to prevent our children from expressing their true feelings. We usually consider it more important to act and speak in a socially acceptable manner than to express our actual thoughts. What will people think? He thus learns to suppress communication. Soon he enters the competitive world of school, and later of employment. Few people care about his thoughts or feelings; his performance is all that counts. He is accepted by his superiors only as long as he conforms to certain standards and produces a specific quality of work. His job security might be threatened if people could see inside and discover what he really thinks. So he learns to conceal what is there, to present a self-image which impresses people, one which hides his faults and weaknesses. Behind his facade he feels as impersonal as a computer card. He wants to be accepted as he is, but no one will do it, for no one has found out who he really is. Then the inevitable happens—he finds himself attracted to a person of the opposite sex. He begins to open up, to share his inner feelings. His companion does the same, and it becomes a thrilling experience. At last they have each found someone who really understands, who accepts the other party for what he actually is. As the marriage wears on, however, they have less and less to talk about. But now the novelty is gone. As the pressures of the marital routine mount, communicating becomes an unpleasant experience. Tensions increase, misunderstandings occur, unkind words are spoken, and feelings are hurt. The disenchantment becomes unbearable. The more each expresses his opinion the more unpleasant the atmosphere becomes, until they revert to concealing their inner thoughts. Instead of growing in their knowledge and understanding of each other, with more and more of their lives shared in the oneness which God planned for them, they drift farther and farther apart. So the complaints come: Did you know that the Bible has a great deal to say about communications problems? First of all, it explains why we let communications break down. Inside each of us is an old, sinful nature. In addition to being weak and frail, it is unbelievably selfish and corrupt. Jesus said that men love darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil. Since the thoughts of our hearts have a tendency to come out of our mouths, we often guard our mouths carefully. We avoid getting too close to anyone, lest we be tempted to divulge our weaknesses, and people see us as we really are! This is not to suggest that we tell our mates all our past sins. It is possible that God may want us to do this, but it might also be the most ruthless thing we could ever do to them. We should, however, stop putting on airs while our hearts are corrupted with lust, pride, hatred, and jealousy or riddled with doubts and anxieties. The greatest thing that could ever happen to some marriages would be for the high and mighty husband or the holier-than-thou wife to step down off his pedestal of self-righteousness and confess his weakness and need. Such humility could dissolve growing resentments, rekindle waning love, and reestablish broken lines of communication. To pretend to be something which we are not is the essence of hypocrisy, and no group ever drew a more scathing denunciation from the lips of the Lord Jesus than the hypocrites. That becomes an offense to others, and God is not honored in this either. There are few situations in life more miserable than being married to an unbending, self-sufficient individual, someone who thinks his opinions are infallible and his actions impeccable. One of the most frustrating counseling situations I have ever faced involved just such a person. Fred suffered an acute hearing deficiency which he had never fully accepted or learned to live with. It made him excessively intolerant and unreasonable with his wife and children. What he said was law; it was never to

be doubted or questioned. He made rash decisions without knowing all the facts and tolerated no appeal. He could do no wrong in his own eyes, and would not admit to being at fault about anything. Twenty-five years of his domineering dogmatism and stubbornness had totally alienated his grown children from him and had made his wife the most bitter person I ever met. The only communication which took place between them was shouting and screaming, some of which I heard during a visit to their home. In a private session I tactfully explained to Fred that some of the conflicts in his life might have been intensified by his personal attitudes. He rose from his chair and paced the floor of my study restlessly. A simple acknowledgment of some part of the blame might have begun to melt away the resentment which the years had built, thereby initiating the healing process that was so desperately needed. But his pride would not let him step down. He chose to seal the doom of his marriage rather than acknowledge any fault. Meaningful communication was cut off at its source. The Bible hints at another reason we refuse to communicate: Some people simply fall to pieces when they are told of their shortcomings. There may be a volcanic outburst, an angry tirade, gushing tears, or a long period of sullen silence. Once we learn what evokes this kind of response in our mates, we fear to produce this type of situation again. We see no point in subjecting ourselves to unnecessary anguish, so we draw into a silent shell of self-protection. The next time we ask why our spouses will not talk to us, let us first ask ourselves how we reacted to previous disclosures! We may discover that the blame lies with us. Quarreling, harsh words, and dislike of others should have no place in your lives. Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God has forgiven you because you belong to Christ. Help me to listen carefully and sympathetically to my mate, to try to understand his feelings, to see this matter from his point of view. Make it a rule never to raise your voice. Loud voices are unpleasant, and few people enjoy unpleasantness. Loud, bitter, angry, sarcastic words will only drive your mate deeper into his shell. Listen to King Solomon: Kind and gentle words pour cold water on the burning coals of a stirred-up spirit. Harsh words only add fuel to the fire. How should you react when your mate opens his heart? With kindness, calmness, graciousness, and gentleness. That keeps the lines of communication open. Still another obstacle to sharing may be fear that our mates will use the information against us at some future time. When differences of opinion occur, some people love to drag skeletons out of closets and rehash old weaknesses, mistakes, and failures. We really cannot expect our mates to unburden their souls to us if they know they are going to hear a replay next month or next year. A person who brings up old issues is more interested in being right and winning arguments than in building an intimate personal relationship with his marriage partner. There is only one way to gain this trust: He may not exterminate the memory from our minds, but he will extract the sting from it, thereby removing any reason for ever mentioning it again! A beautifully happy marriage is only possible when each partner knows how the other feels about most of the situations and issues that face them both. This kind of empathy demands open lines of communication. We sometimes develop the erroneous idea that the best alternative to an angry argument is complete silence. We feel that we deserve a special reward if we bite our tongues in stony silence while our mates rant and rave. But this kind of silence buys us a ticket to the hospital with any of several stress-related diseases, and it further infuriates our mates as well. There is another alternative to angry argument. It is sharing in love what is on our hearts! The Bible reveals not only the roadblocks to communication, but the pathways to communication as well! One short phrase in Ephesians 4: Many marital problems could be resolved if husbands and wives were only honest with each other. Are you having problems that you have kept from your mate in order to spare him worry? If so, you are actually shutting him out of your life by implying that he is not emotionally strong enough or spiritually mature enough to help you resolve your problems. That is a backhanded insult that will only pull you farther apart. Do you have needs which your mate could be fulfilling, but is not? You have been too proud or too ashamed to admit it, so you have tried to be a martyr and keep it to yourself. Soon inner tensions and resentments will build to the point of a major crisis that needs professional counsel. That is a high price to pay for a little dishonesty.

**Chapter 5 : Martin Aurelio, "The Value of Truth and the Virtue of Honesty" | Counter-Currents Publishing**

*Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom. ~ Thomas Jefferson There is no such thing as an inconsequential lie.  
~ Gary King Truth allows you to live with integrity.*

This book is all about not making excuses when you do something wrong. Any children that love David will absolutely love this book and it will leave them laughing while they learn an important lesson at the same time. She did not want to get in trouble so she told a lie when her mom asked her about the broken camera. This book will teach your children that it is better to tell the truth when they accidentally break something. This is a book about a boy that lies all the time. He lies to make life better for those around him. His lies start to catch up to him and his parents, friends and teachers find out that he lies all the time and they are not very happy about it. He learns that it is finally time to start telling the truth because that will make his life ever better than when he lies. Learning about Honesty, Integrity, and Trustworthiness was created to help teach children how to be more positive, honest people. This book will help teach your children about character building as well. This book comes with a CD that goes along with the book that includes a narrator and songs that go along with the story. Get this book to teach your children about the importance of character building so that they will grow into honest adults. Julian is a great storyteller. He is always making up stories to entertain other people even if that means he has to tell a lie. He has the ability to make his little brother believe anything he says. Will Julian stop telling his brother lies that keep getting them both into trouble? Read this book with your children to find out. The pictures in this book are very fun and beautiful. Your children will love this hilarious twist on the Boy Who Cried Wolf. There are many unexpected twists and turns as this book quickly unfolds. Your children will learn the importance of telling the truth when they read this book. They will also learn to be careful when they tell a lie because it just might come true. This book shows children that it is important to tell the truth even if they are a superhero. The main characters are Ben and Molly and when they try on the courageous cape and the clever crown they become Super Ben and Molly the Great. Your kids should check out this book so they can follow Molly and Ben through their big adventure about telling the truth. The main character is Libby and ever since she started telling the truth everyone seems to be mad at her all the time. She quickly learns that telling the truth is not always the right thing to do. Sometimes it is better to be quiet. This book takes place in China. The main character is Ping and he loves to plant flowers and he is really good at it. The emperor of China also loved flowers and he was going to pick the heir based on who could plant the best flower and bring it to him. Ping tends to his flowers everyday hoping that he can produce the best flower. When spring comes Ping does not have any flowers so all he has to show the King is an empty pot. Read this book with your children to see how Ping is able to be rewarded for his honesty. This book is about a little girl named Ruthie. One day while she was at recess she finds a camera on the playground. Ruthie tells her friends and her teachers that she got this camera for her birthday so she can keep the camera. This lie wears on her all day and she finds out that telling the truth is more rewarding than telling a lie. This book will teach your children that telling the truth will keep them out of trouble and help clear their conscience. This is a very creative story that will show your children what can happen when they lie. This book follows a little boy that keeps telling lies until they grow into this huge monster that he has to find out how to get rid of. He quickly finds out that the only way to get rid of this huge monster that he has created is to finally tell the truth. Brother and Sister Bear lie after they broke their mothers favorite lamp. This little lie grows and grows until it gets out of control. They finally realize that the only way to make things right again is to tell the truth. They learn that none of this would have happened if they would have told the truth from the beginning. This book teaches your children the importance of telling the truth as soon as something happens so that they do not make the situation worse. This book is full of colorful and beautiful illustrations. This book will show your children is ok to make a mistake as long as they own up to it and tell the truth. The main message of this book is that the truth will set you free. This book will teach this important lesson in a way that your little one will enjoy and remember. This book is about a gymnast named Kayla. Kayla is a very good gymnast and she finds herself facing a very important vault at her gymnastics meet. She ends up missing the vault and the only one

that noticed was her best friend. Kayla now has to decide if she wants to keep her best friend or the trophy she won for a vault that she did not even do. Read this book to find out if Kayla tells the truth or if she keeps the trophy. This book is all about learning the value of being an honest person. Eli has a bad habit about telling lies. Most of these lies are little fibs but sometimes Eli finds himself telling a big lie. Read this book with your children to find out what that event was and why Eli finally decided to tell the truth.

**Chapter 6 : Teach kids about honesty - Talking with Trees Books**

*Truth is immutable, absolute, factual and exact. It exists, and is the correct and fully accurate history of fact regarding any query. It never changes. Honesty is the relaying of information from a person to an entity which reflects the actual th.*

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### Chapter 7 : Truth and Honesty | COR

*Powerful Truth and Lies Quotes - Honesty National Honesty Day, commonly known as Honesty Day is celebrated on April 30th in the United States and on 23 October in Australia. On this day, people may ask any question they want and the other person should give a truthful and straightforward answer.*

The Five Levels of Truth-Telling: First, you tell the truth to yourself about yourself. Then you tell the truth to yourself about another. At the third level, you tell the truth about yourself to another. Then you tell your truth about another to that other. And finally, you tell the truth to everyone about everything. When you do so, you apologize for the Truth. If Light is truth, then darkness must be lies. Each and every lie we tell to ourselves and others casts the shadow of separation upon us. Every time even the most minor deception is revealed and the truth is made known we are re-united with the Light. So, Let there be Light. Those are the words by which you can create your own magnificent world. Life is dull without it. Buck Fiction is the Truth inside the lie. Mohn Truth is the most valuable thing we have, so I try to conserve it. But every time we tell a lie, the thing that we fear grows stronger. Everything you do and say shows the world who you really are. Let it be the Truth. Have the courage to face the Truth. Do the right thing because it is right. These are the magic keys to living your life with integrity. Clement Stone Integrity is doing the right thing, even if nobody is watching. Andy Honesty is telling the Truth to other people. Ethics is nothing else than reverence for life. Overstreet And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. They would rather defend their dishonesty on the grounds that it might hurt others. Therefore, having rationalized their phoniness into nobility, they settle for superficial relationships.

**Chapter 8 : Honesty Character Education Lesson Plan - Talking with Trees Books**

*Honesty is "the quality of always telling the truth, and never stealing or cheating" (Oxford Dictionary). Here's a biblical definition: the quality of being truthful to God and people in word and action.*

Contact Us Menu Summary: Bible study on lying and telling the truth. This Bible study on dishonesty will encourage you to tell the truth, even when it hurts. Bible study on lying, honesty, and telling the truth—even if it hurts. He wants us to be people of integrity and honesty. Even if no one catches us doing something wrong or being dishonest, God wants us to tell the truth. After all, God knows the truth. The LORD detests lying lips, but he delights in men who are truthful. In fact, many of us lie automatically, without a second thought. What do you think? If so, when are you most likely to do this? Jesus may have been referring to that when he confronted a group of Jews and said they belonged to their father, the devil. He then said the devil was the father of lies. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. Why is it important to know that the devil is the father of lies? How can knowing the devil is the father of lies motivate you to tell the truth? We grow in honesty as we grow in Christ As we grow closer to God, we become more like him. Telling the truth becomes second nature as his light replaces the darkness in our soul. We find ourselves lying less and less. Make it personal 5. How important do you think it is to God for you to be honest? Read out loud one of the verses on the previous page that speaks to you personally. Explain why this verse has special meaning to you. Honesty is critical to a deep friendship You cannot have a deep friendship without honesty. The tongue that brings healing is a tree of life, but a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit. Why is honesty so important to deep friendships? Instead, apologize for making the commitment in the first place. However, before you know it, you will become more and more comfortable lying, and it can become a habit. Practice telling the truth throughout the day. Why or why not? Choose honesty even when others around you are dishonest Peer pressure can be strong. If people around you are lying, you may feel pressured to lie too. Ananias and Sapphira told everyone they were giving all the money from the sale of their house to God Acts 5: They had agreed to secretly hold back some of the money for themselves. God struck them dead—not for keeping some of the money, but for lying about it Acts 5: If someone asks how much money you make, how heavy you are, or who you voted for, you are under no obligation to share that information. Does being honest mean you never should keep something private? The Bible tells us that on a few occasions, it was okay to lie. For example, the king of Egypt told the midwives to kill the Jewish baby boys when they were born, but the midwives feared God and let them live Exodus 1: When the king confronted them, they lied about why they had not killed the babies. In another situation, Rahab lied to the servants of the King of Jericho, saying two Jewish spies had left the city when they actually were hiding on her roof Joshua 2: As you can see later in the Bible, God approved of her actions Hebrews Jonathan lied to his father, King Saul, to see if his father intended to harm or kill David 1 Samuel In each case, the lies prevented the killing of people God planned to use for his glory. However, there may be a rare occasion when there are no good options and you should choose the most loving option. When Rahab lied, she also did it to save lives. God had plans for David to be king of Israel. Why do you think lying was okay in these three situations? How likely is it that someday God would want you to lie? Confess your lies If you have lied about something, confess the truth to God and to the person whom you lied to. Then go to work to earn back trust. You should almost always confess past sins. However, if you think this would cause someone severe pain or cause severely damaging results, ask your pastor or another mature Christian for advice. Make it personal Are there people you need to apologize to for lying? If so, when will you do this? Memory verse Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. Why is it important to remember that the devil is the father of lies? Why do you think honesty telling the truth is important to God? Why is honesty important to a close friendship? When is it important to do what you said you would do? When is it important not to do what you said you would do? Does being honest, or telling the truth, mean sharing everything you know? Are there any people to whom you should apologize for

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## Chapter 9 : The seed of honesty

*We grow in honesty as we grow in Christ As we grow closer to God, we become more like him. Telling the truth becomes second nature as his light replaces the darkness in our soul.*

Honesty- Only doing or saying things that are truthful and morally right. Also see "What is Honesty" definition with examples. Procedures Use the story in Be Proud, Talking with Trees Book 1 , to teach children how to listen to their hearts and minds conscience to guide honest choices. Honesty includes saying and acting truthfully. Hiding the truth because you know it is a wrong action is a form of dishonesty. How is he feeling? Help the children see how they can pay attention to the clues their hearts and minds give them about the choices they are making. This is their conscience helping them to feel whether something is right or wrong. Having this inner sense is essential to children being able to make honest choices when no one is watching. Help children see the lasting good feeling the boy had after making the right choice. Good choices feel good. Wrong choices feel wrong. When you make a wrong choice you might feel pleasure for a short time, but then you know in your heart that it was wrong and feel guilt or shame. Help the children equate good choices with feeling good, which helps them overcome the temporary appeal of the wrong choice. Teach it is ok to make mistakes and that we use these opportunities to grow. By making the situation right and learning not to make the same choice next time, we are growing to be more responsible adults. Learning to forgive yourself for mistakes is important to building self-respect. Teach children to enjoy the feeling they get after doing the right thing. Show how to switch to making a good choice. Show children how simple it was to switch from making a wrong choice to a right choice. When they are in a situation, children may not know how to get themselves out of it. As the tree says, "Right now is a great time to make a good choice. Print a classroom poster about conscience and making good choices. Options for Grades Assign each group one question and have them present their answer to the class Verbally or using PowerPoint, a poster, etc. This will help children with different levels of empathy and different perspectives understand better how others may see these challenging situations. More Resources to Extend the Lesson Honesty Worksheet " grades K-1 " picture-based worksheet helps children identify dishonest actions Honesty Worksheet- grades " text-based worksheet helps children explain honest and dishonest actions Coloring pages - coloring activities on honesty and more good traits Empathy worksheets " teach children to read facial expressions Empathy PowerPoints " teach children to read facial expressions Conscience worksheet " teach what is conscience and how it helps you make good choices Quotes on honesty " quotes to share, pin, print Posters " Motivational posters with themes about honesty and conscience More Character Education Lesson Resources.