



Building Families of Character **Is Honesty Always the Best Policy?**

Notes:

- Walking in truth means we are to be honest in our _____.
- Areas of dishonesty typically involve:
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 - a. The Bible tells us to speak the truth in _____.
 - b. Speaking dishonest words in order to avoid conflict is _____.
- Walking in truth means we are to be honest in our _____.
- We demonstrate integrity when we:
 1. Do what _____ would do.
 2. Keep our _____.
 3. _____ what we preach.

I can become more honest in _____.

Small Group Questions:

1. What impacted you most from today's message?
2. Share a time when you made a difficult choice to speak honestly to someone.
3. Discuss what makes speaking the truth in love so hard. How can we do better with this?
4. Give an example of how you chose to act with integrity and God blessed it.
5. What will you change in your life after hearing today's message?

Today's Verses

Proverbs 6:16-19

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.

Psalm 15:1-2

O Lord, who shall sojourn in your tent? Who shall dwell on your holy hill; He who walks blamelessly and does what is right and speaks truth in his heart.

Psalm 12:2:

Everyone utters lies to his neighbor; with flattering lips and a double heart they speak.

Ephesians 4:15

Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.

Matthew 5:37

All you need to say is simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.

1 John 1:6

If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

Proverbs 20:7

The righteous who walks in his integrity- blessed are his children after him!