

Making an HONEST Living...

“How Should We Live - Relationships” #9 Noah Largent 3/21/10

Video Clip - A Job Interview - Wouldn't it be nice if honesty was always so rewarding?

A lack of Honesty is often at the **HEART** of a broken relationship... and whether its telling or hearing - being **HONEST** is not **ALWAYS** easy, and the outcome often creates **TENSION**... but **RECONCILIATION** demands honesty!

It was the first problem - Genesis 3:1-14

1. The Tension-

- Discovering the truth can take TIME.
- Changing our LIVES to REFLECT the truth can be hard work.
- Often we're more concerned about others FEELINGS and avoiding CONFLICT in our relationships, than honesty.

2. Making an “honest” living...

- Make time to EXAMINE your life and choices. -Lam. 3:40; 1Cor. 11:28; 2Cor. 13:5
- Live in ACCOUNTABILITY. -Prov. 27:17; Heb. 10:25
- Speak the TRUTH in love. -Eph. 4:15; Col. 3:16; 1Tm. 5:1; 2Tm. 4:2
- STUDY the truth. -Psa. 119:9-11; Rom. 12:1-2; 2Tim. 3:16

“Sin also brings blindness- the more you reject the **truth** about God the more incapable you are of perceiving any **truth** about yourself or the world (Is.29:9-10;Rom.1:21). -Tim Keller

http://www.redeemer.com/news_and_events/articles/the_importance_of_hell.html

Verses for reflection:

Ex. 20:16 “Do not give false testimony against your neighbor.”
Lev. 19:35-36 (Deut. 25:15) “Do not use dishonest standards when measuring length, weight or quantity. ³⁶ Use honest scales and honest weights
Job 6:25 How painful are honest words!
Psa. 43:3 Send forth your light and your truth, let them guide me.
Prov. 12:17 A truthful witness gives honest testimony, but a false witness tells lies.
Prov. 23:23 Buy the truth and do not sell it; get wisdom, discipline and understanding.
John 14:6 Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.
Rom. 1:25 They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised.
1Cor. 13:6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.
1John 1:6 If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth.
1John 1:8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
James 3:14 But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth.
Eph. 4:15 speaking the truth in love

Lie Detector Test:

- Are You A “7-11 Liar”? (*Lying for convenience sake*)
- Are You A “Rubber Band Liar”? (*Lying by stretching the truth*)
- Are You A “Power Liar”? (*Lying for posture and position*)
- Are You A “Payback Liar”? (*Lying for revenge*)
- Are You A “C-Y-C” (Cover Your Can) Liar? (*Lying for self-protection*)

Notes:

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