

# HONESTY

## I. Some Biblical verses pertaining to "honesty"

- Exod. 20:16 - "you shall not bear false witness against your neighbor"
- Exod. 23:1 - "you shall not carry a false rumor"
- Exod. 23:7 - "keep far from a false charge"
- Prov. 6:12 - "a worthless person, a wicked man, is the one who walks with a false mouth"
- Prov. 6:19 - "things which the Lord hates...a false witness who utters lies"
- Prov. 12:17 - "He who speaks truth tells what is right, but a false witness, deceit"
- Prov. 12:22 - "lying lips are an abomination to the Lord"
- Prov. 13:5 - "a righteous man hates falsehood"
- Prov. 14:5 - "A faithful witness will not lie, but a false witness speaks lies"
- Prov. 19:5,9 - "a false witness will not go unpunished"
- Prov. 25:18 - "like a club and a sword and a sharp arrow is a man who bears false witness against his neighbor"
- Matt. 15:19 - "out of the heart come evil thoughts...false witness, slanders..."
- Lk. 8:15 - "an honest and good heart"
- I Cor. 13:6 - "love...rejoices with the truth"
- II Cor. 4:2 - "by the manifestation of truth commending ourselves"
- Eph. 4:15 - "speaking the truth in love"
- Heb. 13:18 - "desiring to conduct ourselves honorably in all things"
- II Pt. 2:3 - "false prophets will exploit you with false words"
- I Jn. 2:21 - "no lie is of the truth"
- Rev. 21:27 - "no one who practices abomination and lying, shall ever come into it (heaven)"

## II. Forms of dishonesty

- A. Falsehood, lies, inaccuracy
- B. Exaggerations, embellishments
- C. Deceit, misleading another
- D. Fraud, cheating
- E. Misinformation
- F. Disinformation
- G. False-accusations, false-charges
- H. Rumors - Exod. 23:1

## III. Basis of honesty

- A. Christ is Truth - John 14:6; 8:32,36
- B. God cannot lie - Heb. 6:18
- C. Satan is the father of lies - Jn. 8:44

## IV. Forms of honesty

- A. Accuracy, truth-telling
- B. Integrity - true to one's word
- C. Credibility, pattern of believability
- D. Complete communication
- E. Faithfulness - do what you say you'll do
- F. Keep your promises

- V.      Examples where honesty should be employed by Christians
- A.      When completing income tax forms
  - B.      When selling an automobile
  - C.      When you are given too much change
  - D.      When you are told a rumor
  - E.      When you break something
  - F.      When you owe people money
  - G.      When someone calls and you do not want to talk to them
  - H.      When you are reminiscing and telling a story
  - I.      When you tell someone how much you paid for something
  - J.      When you are asked for your opinion or advice
  - K.      When you fill out credit applications
  - L.      When you give character references