

Can I Be Honest With You?

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Renewed Faith: Honesty / Faith; Honesty

Honesty is behavior, in action and words, aiming to convey truth. This quality is essential to God's nature and purposes and is His people's standard.



Isaiah 59:14 ESV

¹⁴ Justice is turned back,

and righteousness stands far away;

for truth has stumbled in the public squares,

and uprightness cannot enter.

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The Gospel is Honest

God is honest

2 Samuel 7:28 ESV

²⁸ And now, O Lord God, you are God, and your words are true, and you have promised this good thing to your servant.

Isaiah 45:19 ESV

¹⁹ I did not speak in secret,
in a land of darkness;
I did not say to the offspring of Jacob,
'Seek me in vain.'
I the LORD speak the truth;
I declare what is right.

1 John 5:20 ESV

²⁰ And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.

1 Peter 2:22 ESV

²² He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth.

John 14:17 ESV

¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

Believers must be honest

Psalms 15:1-2 ESV

¹ O LORD, who shall sojourn in your tent?
Who shall dwell on your holy hill?

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² He who walks blamelessly and does what is right and speaks truth in his heart;

2 Corinthians 4:2 ESV

² But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God.

Dishonest dealing forbidden by God:

Leviticus 19:35–36 ESV

³⁵ “You shall do no wrong in judgment, in measures of length or weight or quantity. ³⁶ You shall have just balances, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt.

John 4:23–24 ESV

²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

Romans 1:18 ESV

¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.

1 Corinthians 5:8 ESV

⁸ Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Paul commends truthful speech:

Philippians 4:8 ESV

⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Honesty essential in church leadership:

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Titus 2:7-8 ESV

⁷ Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, ⁸ and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us.

The cost of honesty

Jeremiah 26:15 ESV

¹⁵ Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.”

God's Plan of Salvation

GOD'S PART

1. The great love of God for man ([John 3:16](#))
2. He gave His Son, Jesus Christ, as the Saviour ([Luke 19:10](#))
3. Sent the Holy Spirit as a guide ([John 16:13](#))
4. Gave the Gospel as "the power" unto salvation ([Romans 1:16](#))
5. Provided atonement by the blood of Christ ([Romans 5:9](#))

MAN'S PART

1. Hear the Gospel. ([Romans 10:17](#), [John 8:32](#))
2. Believe the Gospel ([Hebrews 11:6](#), [John 20:31](#))
3. Repent of past sins ([Luke 13:3](#), [Acts 17:30](#))
4. Confess faith in Jesus Christ ([Romans 10:10](#), [Matthew 10:32](#))
5. Be Baptized ([Galatians 3:27](#), [Mark 16:16](#), [Acts 2:38](#))
6. Be faithful unto death ([Revelations 2:10](#))

Will you gladly accept His Word?