

Let's Be Honest

The 8th Commandment

You shall not steal.

Exodus 20:15 NIV

The Principle

Do not try to improve my circumstances by taking what is not mine.

[They] overcharge, use false measures, and fix the scales to cheat the customers.

Amos 6:5 GN

Do not take advantage of anyone. Do not hold back the wages of someone you have hired, not even for one night.

Leviticus 19:13 GN

The wicked man borrows and never pays back...

Psalms 37:21 GN

The Purpose

God wants me to trust Him to meet all my needs.

And with all his abundant wealth through Christ Jesus, my God will supply all your needs.

Philippians 4:19

...you have not, because you ask not.

James 4:2

The Practice

I will practice honesty because ...

1. God and others are watching.

God carefully watches the goings on of all mankind; he sees them all. No darkness is thick enough to hide evil men from his eyes.

Job 34:21-22 LB

It is a wonderful heritage to have an honest father.

Proverbs 20:7 LB

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord...

Colossians 3:23 NIV

2. Honesty is always rewarded.

Don't be misled; remember... a man will always reap just the kind of crop he sows!

Galatians 6:7 LB

Try to make a profit dishonestly, and you'll get your family in trouble.

Proverbs 15:27 GN

Dishonest gain will never last, so why take the risk?

Proverbs 21:6 LB

Wealth you get by dishonesty will do you no good, but honesty can save your life.

Proverbs 10:2 GN

3. Honesty results in true happiness.

Honest people will lead a full, happy life. But if you are in a hurry to get rich, you are going to be punished.

Proverbs 28:20 GN

Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.

Luke 16:10 NIV