FOCUS togetherness

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Together in Integrity

Colossians 3:9-10; Ephesians 4:25-30

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[18]But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart,
and this defiles a person. [19]For out of the heart come evil
thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false
witness, slander. [20]These are what defile a person. But to eat
with unwashed hands does not defile anyone.
—Matthew 15:18-20

Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices. —Colossians 3:9

[25]Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of
you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members
one of another. [26]Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun
go down on your anger, [27]and give no opportunity to the
devil. [28]Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor,
doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have
something to share with anyone in need. [29]Let no corrupting
talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for
building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those
who hear. [30]And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom
you were sealed for the day of redemption.
—Ephesians 4:25-30

Integrity = "the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles, uprightness; the state of being whole and undivided"

God Takes Our _____ Seriously

You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain. —Exodus 20:7

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
—Exodus 20:16

You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. —John 8:44

God Sees and Knows the _____ About Us

Notes:

Why Do We Lie?

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[11]Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false, [12]in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness. —2 Thessalonians 2:11-12

God Calls Us to _____ With One Another

How Can We be People of Integrity?

[21]For although they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks to Him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened… [25]because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen. —Romans 1:21, 25

• Speak Truth in _____

Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ. —Ephesians 4:15

• Sprinkle Truth With _____

Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.
—Colossians 4:6

Truth + Tact + Timing = Good Relationships

• Share Truth in _____

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. —2 Timothy 2:15

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." —John 14:6

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