

¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery,

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sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰These are what defile a person. But to eat with unwashed hands does not defile anyone. —Matthew 15:18-20 ESV

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

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²⁵Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. ²⁶Be angry and do not sin;

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do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and give no opportunity to the devil. ²⁸Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work

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with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. ²⁹Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths,

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but only such as is good for building up,
as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those
who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God,

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by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.
—Ephesians 4:25-30 ESV

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

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God Takes Our Words Seriously

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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 ESV

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

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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,

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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 ESV

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God Sees and Knows the
Truth About Us

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Why Do We Lie?

- Pride

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Why Do We Lie?

- Fear

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Why Do We Lie?

- Hate

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Why Do We Lie?

- Unbelief

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¹¹Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false, ¹²in order that

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all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.
—2 Thessalonians 2:11-12 ESV

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God Calls Us to Truthfulness
With One Another

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How Can We be People of Integrity?
Seek Truth in Life

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²¹For 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...

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²⁵because 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

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How Can We be People of Integrity?
Speak Truth in Love

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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 ESV

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How Can We be People of Integrity?
Sprinkle Truth With Grace

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

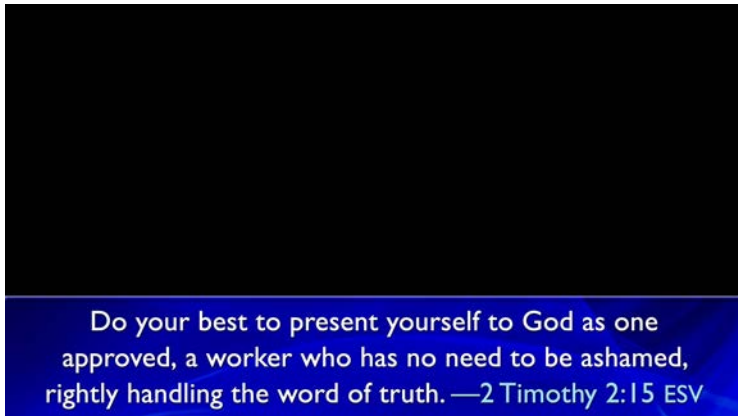
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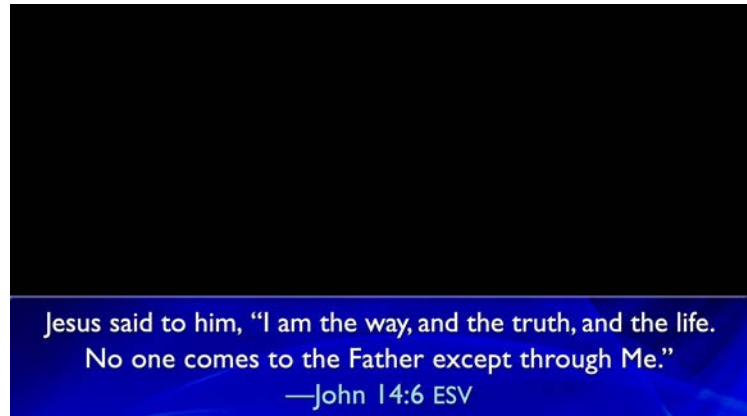
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