



**How
Honest
Are You?**

“Now go and attack Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have; do not spare them, but kill both man and woman, child and infant, ox and sheep, camel and donkey.”

— I Samuel 15.3; CB OT p. 442

**“Saul and the people spared Agag,
and the best of the sheep and of
the cattle and of the fatlings and
the lambs...”**

— I Samuel 15.9; CB OT p. 442

“The word of the LORD came to Samuel: ‘I regret that I made Saul king, for he has turned back from following me, and has not carried out my commands.’”

— 1 Samuel 15.10-11; CB OT p. 442

“When Samuel came to Saul, Saul said to him, ‘May you be blessed by the LORD; I have carried out the commandment of the LORD.’”

— I Samuel 15.13; CB OT p. 443

“Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.”

— Psalm 32.1-2; CB OT p. 865

**“While I kept silence, my body
wasted away through my groaning
all day long. For day and night your
hand was heavy upon me; my
strength was dried up as by the
heat of summer.”**

— Psalm 32.3-4; CB OT p. 866

How Honest Are You?

Were you completely honest in answering all the questions on this survey?

- * <18: 24%**
- * 18-24: 11%**
- * 25-40: 7%**
- * 41-50: 6%**
- * >50: 6%**

How Honest Are You?

Are you satisfied with your own ethics and character?

✱ <18: 90%

✱ 18-24: 94%

✱ 25-40: 90%

✱ 41-50: 91%

✱ >50: 90%

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“You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.”

— Psalm 51.6; CB OT p. 889

— Ephesians 4.17-32 CB NT p. 340

Four Lessons to Help Us Be Honest

I) We are not to be like the world.

How Honest Are You?

Does one have to lie or cheat at least occasionally in order to succeed?

✱ <18: 51%

✱ 18-24: 36%

✱ 25-40: 18%

✱ 41-50: 11%

✱ >50: 10%

**I say I'm ten when I'm nine and a half
My uncle tells a joke and I try to laugh
In gym I fake a headache when I want
to quit**

**I say I love the sweater that my
grandma knit**

But that's a white lie

Zachary Pincus-Roth

**It's the kind you want to tell, a white lie
So your mom won't have to yell, a white
lie**

**Every body does it 'cause it feels alright
And it's more polite**

But a lie's still a lie even when it's white.

**I pretend I'm asleep when my dad
walks in**

**I said I ate my chicken but I just ate
the skin**

Your face can say you're lying

When your mouth says you're not

**Your pants are on fire but they're
not too hot**

When it's a white lie.

**It's the kind you want to tell, a white lie
Your dad will never smell a white lie
Every body does it 'cause it feels alright
And it's more polite
But a lie is still a lie even when it's white.**

While it might be hard to say what's true

Would you want a white lie told to you?

“Ah, you who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!”

— Isaiah 5.20, CB OT p. 1082

“Ananias,” Peter asked, “why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back part of the proceeds of the land? ... You did not lie to us but to God!

— Acts 5.3, 4; CB NT p. 215

2) We are now like Christ.

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; CB NT p. 192

**“in the hope of eternal life that God,
who never lies, promised before the
ages began”**

— Titus 1.2; CB NT p. 376



**“Does this dress make
my backside look big?”**

3) We are brethren.

You shall not cheat in measuring length, weight, or quantity. You shall have honest balances, honest weights, an honest ephah, and an honest hin: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt. You shall keep all my statutes and all my ordinances, and observe them: I am the LORD.

— Leviticus 19.35-37; CB OT p. 184

**One who gives an honest answer
gives a kiss on the lips.**

— Proverbs 24.26; CB OT p. 1035

**Whoever hates disguises himself
with his lips and harbors deceit in his
heart**

**— Proverbs 26.24 (ESV);
CB OT p. 1038**

4) Be prepared to do good for others.

**But the members may have the
same care for one another**

— I Corinthians 12.25; CB NT p. 304

Not to pilfer, but to show complete and perfect fidelity, so that in everything they may be an ornament to the doctrine of God our Savior.

— Titus 2.10; CB NT p. 377

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

— Matthew 5.16; CB NT p. 7

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- 1. We are not to be like the world.**
- 2. We are now like Christ.**
- 3. We are brethren.**
- 4. Be prepared to do good for others.**

**Will today be the
day you decide to
go to heaven?**

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Ephesians 4.17-32

Synopsis: Honesty is so difficult that we even struggle being honest with ourselves, as exemplified by Saul and David. Paul gives us four points that help us toward honesty: 1) We are not to be like the world; 2) We are now like Christ; 3) We are brethren; and 4) Be prepared to do good for others.

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“Let all that you do be done with love.”