

II. WHY BE HONEST?

A. We Are Being Watched

“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 (TLB)

“It is a wonderful heritage to have an honest father.”

Proverbs 20:7 (TLB)

“Let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise
your heavenly Father.”

Matthew 5:16 (NLT)

B. We Will Reap Whatever We Sow

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

Galatians 6:7 (TLB)

“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 (TLB)

C. Dishonesty Damages Our Character

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

Proverbs 10:2 (GN)

D. God Will Reward Our Honesty

“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)

“Well done...you've shown you can be faithful in small things. I will trust
you with greater ones; come and join in your Master's happiness!”

Matthew 25:21 (GN)

III. FIRST STEPS TO INTEGRITY

A. Make Restitution When Possible

“If I have cheated anyone, I will pay him back four times as much.”

Luke 19:8 (GN)

B. Give God Our Full Tithe

“Is it right for a person to cheat God? Of course not...Bring the full
amount of your tithes to the Temple ... and I will pour out on you in
abundance...”

Malachi 3:8-10 (GN)

C. Make A Living Honestly

“The man who used to be a thief must give up stealing, and do an honest
day's work with his own hands...”

Ephesians. 4:28 (Ph)

“Nothing evil will be allowed to enter, nor anyone who practices shameful
idolatry and dishonesty—but only those whose names are written in the
Lamb's Book of Life.”

Revelation 21:27 (NLT)

MAINTAIN INTEGRITY

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“You must not steal.”

Exodus 20:15 (NLT)

I. HOW DO WE STEAL?

A. Be Deceiving Customers

“God hates cheating in the marketplace; rigged scales are an outrage.”

Proverbs 20:23 (Msg)

B. By Defrauding Employers

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

Colossians 3:23 (NIV)

C. By Delaying Payments

“Don’t take advantage of anyone... Don’t hold back the wages of someone you’ve hired, not even for one night.”

Leviticus 19:13 (GN)

D. By Defrauding On Loans

“The wicked man borrows and never pays back...”

Psalms 37:21 (GN)

E. By Defrauding The Government

“...the authorities are working for God ... Pay what you owe them; pay them your personal and property taxes...”

Romans 13:6-7 (GN)

F. By Defrauding God

“Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me. But you ask, ‘How are we robbing you?’ In tithes and offerings.”

Malachi 3:8 (NIV)