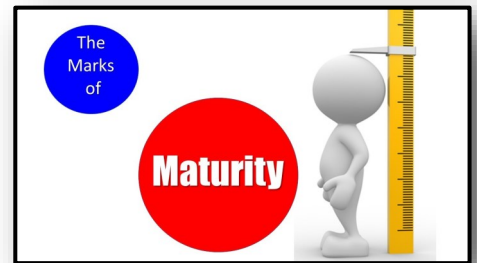


True to Our Word



One of the great signs of maturity among disciples is being a person who keeps his word. And, this is demonstrated in two very specific ways:

- (a) Honesty
- (b) Keeping our promises

A. We live in very dishonest times

A study conducted by Notre Dame University revealed that the average person lies 1.65 times a day.

- In a week : _____ lies
- In a month: _____ lies
- In a year: _____ lies
- In twenty-five years, _____ lies



- What are the consequences of living in a dishonest world?
- What are some examples of people who lied in the Bible?

B. God is true to His word

Our relationship with the Lord is based upon believing what He has said.

- An inconsistent message or a message that is changing would wreck our trust in Him and cripple our faith.

- Ps 19:7-9 The characteristics of God's word are: _____
- Ps 119:86 God's commandments are _____ which means: _____
- John 14:2 The relationship we have with the Lord is that He is _____
- John 17:17 Your word is _____
- 2 Pet 3:9 God _____ His promises

- How does lying hurt our relationship with God?

What are lies that we tell ourselves (Gal 6:3, 7)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

What are the characteristics of lying?

- 1.
- 2.
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C. The Call to Be An Honest Disciple (Mt 5:37; Eph 4:25; Col 3:9-10)

1. being honest with ourselves: to _____ ourselves
2. being honest with God: makes us _____ and _____
3. being honest with one another: becoming _____
 - reflected in keeping our _____
 - being truthful even if it _____

- How do we teach our children to be honest?
- How does maturity help us to be true to our word?