


Incredible Keys to Increasing Intimacy
in Your Marriage & Family

Honoring Others Through Honesty

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Matthew 7:28,29--When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, because he taught as one who had authority..


Matthew 7:24-27--Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock... But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand...

1. _____ what you _____.

Matthew 5:33-37--"Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not break your oath, but keep the oaths you have made to the Lord.' But I tell you, Do not swear at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. Simply let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.


 No _____

Numbers 30:2--When a man makes a vow to the Lord or takes an oath to obligate himself by a pledge, he must not break his word but must do everything he said.

 Live your _____ in such a way that you actually _____ what you _____.

- >> _____, not _____
- >> _____: _____
is the foundation upon which _____ and _____ relationships are built.
- >> _____ is _____ over time, one _____ at a time.





2. _____ what you _____.

 No _____

Acts 5:1-11--Now a man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, also sold a piece of property. With his wife's full knowledge he kept back part of the money for himself, but brought the rest and put it at the apostles' feet. Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit... You have not lied to men but to God." When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard what had happened...

- >> Mixed _____
- >> _____ = _____
- >> Be _____
- >> Hidden _____ -- Be _____
- >> _____ of _____
- >> _____ costs us, but nothing like _____

4 Hidden Motives

-  _____
-  _____
-  _____
-  _____

- >> _____ what you _____: no empty _____, no meaningless _____.
- >> _____ what you _____: no hidden _____, no mixed _____, no masked _____.

Small Group Discussion Questions:

1. What is the result of dishonesty and deceit? Why does it erode intimacy and cripple relationships?
2. Review the points and verses from this lesson. What personal application can you make from this teaching?
3. What are some of the major blind spots when it comes to dishonesty and cutting corners on truth-telling? What are the keys to living a life of integrity?
4. Take some time right now to pray for the needs of those in your small group.