

Holy Spirit, lead me into the truth.
Help me to act in truth and abide in
truth (John 3:21; 8:44). May the belt of
truth hold together my spiritual armor
(Ephesians 6:14), protecting me always.



God, I know You never lie, for You are
the God of truth. I can trust You to
never be dishonest with me. You always
keep Your promises. But Your Son
called Satan a “liar and the father of
liars.” Remind me always that when I
speak the truth, I am speaking Your
Son’s language-but when I am
dishonest, when I mislead others
anyway, I am speaking the language of
my enemy.



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Dishonesty



*“I am the way, the truth, and the life.
No one can come to the Father except
through me.”*

John 14:6 NLT

Loving Lord, I hate to admit this, but being honest is not always easy for me. Little lies slip out of my mouth so glibly. I do not even think about them ahead of time. I tell myself they do not matter. After all, I am not lying about *big* things. I am only lying about trivial things, to make my life easier, to smooth over awkwardness, to let me have my way without upsetting anyone. Lord Jesus, remind me that You are the truth. Teach me that lying hurts Your Spirit.
Help me to love the truth.

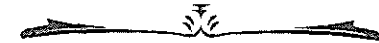


Father, sometimes I not only lie to others with my words; I also lie to myself in my thoughts. I criticize myself unjustly. Or I go to the other extreme and excuse myself too easily. I hide unpleasant truths away where I do not have to look at them. Reveal the truth within me, God. Give me the courage to be honest even with myself.

As Christ's followers, we are able to walk in the truth (3 John 3), love the truth, and believe the truth (2 Thessalonians 2:10, 12). We are to speak the truth in love (Ephesians 4:32). Christ came to us full of grace and truth (John 1:14), but He went still further than that: He told us that He is the truth personified, the truth incarnate. We are to love the truth because it is Jesus. We are to stay close to it and follow after it, because that is the way we follow our Lord. If we are Christ's representatives, then those around us should know we always speak the truth.

Lord, help me not to lie to anyone. Instead, give me strength to shed my old self with its deceitful habits and instead put on a new self You have called me to put on. Renew in me the image of my creator, so that I may become the true self You always wanted me to be.

(Colossians 3:9-10)



Remind me, Lord, that if I am dishonest even in little ways, I am also dishonest in big ways. Help me to be faithful with the smallest things, so that people can count on me to be faithful with life's greatest things.

(Luke 16:10)