

Be Different (Part IV) – Be Honest

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1. In this study we consider relationships with business associates or colleagues. These are people with whom we may have a long-term relationship (co-worker, roommate, vendor), but with whom we do not share any family bonds. How is that similar to and how is that different from a relationship with your spouse, your child, or some other blood relative?

2. Read Psalm 15 and see how it describes the characteristics of a good relationship with other people.

3. Turn now to Matt. 5:33-37 and see how Jesus describes the basis for relationships with others outside our family.

4. Read Ephesians 4:20- 25 to see how we accomplish that.

5. Given how clearly and simply truthful relationships are explained in these and other Bible passages, why is honesty so rare?

6. The religious leaders said that believers should not over promise when making agreements and then do what you promised. Jesus gave a different instruction; he said:

7. Most Christians would agree that there should be a difference in business conduct with a Christian that with a non-Christian. Describe those differences.

a)

b)

8. So how do we get there? What are the three steps that Pastor Steve described that will lead to becoming an honest, trusted person?

a)

b)

c)

9. Why is all of this of any importance? Where is the payoff?