
2. Be real about _____.

2 Corinthians 12:8 (RSV) *Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me;*

⁹ *but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.*

¹⁰ *For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities; for when I am weak, then I am strong.*

*Our strengths are instructional for people,
But our weaknesses give people _____.*

3. Use _____.

Proverbs 2:11 **Discretion** will **protect** you, and understanding will guard you.

Proverbs 16:28 *A perverse man stirs up dissension, and a **gossip** separates close friends.*

Proverbs 12:23 *A **prudent** man keeps his knowledge to himself, but the heart of fools **blurts** out folly.*

Key: Pg. 1: dealings. Pg. 2 truth; struggles. Pg. 3 hurts; struggle; better. Pg. 4: weaknesses; hope; discretion;

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Authentic: Live an Honest and Open Life

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What is authenticity?

An Honest Life

1. Be honest in your _____.

Proverbs 11:3 *The **integrity** of the upright **guides** them, but the unfaithful are **destroyed** by their **duplicity**.*

Genesis 39:6 *So he left in Joseph's care everything he had; with Joseph in charge, he did not concern himself with anything except the food he ate.*

2 Kings 12:15 They did not require an accounting from those to whom they gave the money to pay the workers, because they acted with complete honesty.

2 Cor. 1:3-10 "We despaired even of life."

You don't have to pretend:

■ • You don't _____.

■ • You don't _____ with God and His ways.

"Why have you forsaken me?" and, "into your hands I commit my spirit."

■ • Life is _____ than it is.

2 Corinthians 4:7-9 (RSV) We have this treasure in earthen vessels to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed but not driven to despair; persecuted but not forsaken; struck down but not destroyed.

■ Ephesians 4:25 Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body.

2. Be real about _____ and love.

■ Eph. 4:15 ... speaking the **truth** in **love**, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head that is Christ.

Eph. 4:29 Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

An Open Life

1. Be real about _____.

■ Matthew 26:37 He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be **sorrowful** and **troubled**.³⁸ Then he said to them, "My soul is **overwhelmed with sorrow** to the **point of death**. Stay here and keep watch with me."³⁹ Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."