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| Relationship Topic – Honesty – Do you tell the truth?  **True:**  Agreeing with the facts: **not false**.  **Truth:**  The real facts about something.  **Honest:**  **Truthful, not lying**, stealing or cheating.  Not hiding the truth, free from deception, fraud, guile or duplicity, not false.  Straight forward in conduct, thought or speech; truthful, trustworthy.  **Lie:**  **To make an untrue statement with intent to deceive**.  **To create a false or misleading impression.**  **False:**  Inaccurate, not real, or genuine, not true, deliberately untrue, said to fool or deceive someone.  **Dishonest:**  **Saying or likely to say things that are untrue**.  Characterized by lack of truth, or trustworthiness.  **Duplicity:**  Dishonest behavior meant to trick someone, hiding one’s true intentions by deceptive words or action.  **Deceive:**  **to make (someone) believe something that is not true.**  **Deceptive:**  Intended to make someone believe something that is not true.   Misleading   **There’s just something about lying, that God absolutely despises.  It is anti-God.  Because God is Truth, Lying is everything He is not – and everything the devil is. That’s why he detests it.**    God is truth: He cannot lie.  **Deuteronomy 32:4** - He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are righteousness: **a God of truth** and without iniquity, just and right is he.   **John 14:6** - Jesus answered, I am the way **the truth** and the life.  No one comes to the Father except through me.  **Numbers 23:19** - **God is not a man, so he does not lie**.  He is not human, so he does not change his mind.  Has he ever spoken and failed to act?  Has he ever promised and not carried it through? |

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| **I John 1:5** - This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you:  **God is light**, and **in him is no darkness at all**.   **I Samuel 15:29** - And also the Glory of Israel **will not lie** nor repent; for he is not a man, that he should repent.  **Hebrews 6:18** - God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which **it is impossible for God to lie**, we who have fled to take hold of the hope set before us may be greatly encouraged.   **Titus 1:2** - In hope of eternal life, which God, **who cannot lie**, promised before the beginning of time.  **Exodus 34:6** - And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, long suffering, and abundant in goodness and **truth**.  **I John 2:21** - I do not write to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it and because **no lie comes from the truth**.   **Psalms 31:5** - Into your hands I commit my spirit; deliver me, LORD, **God of truth**.   The Devil is a liar and the Father of Lies.  Lies and lying come from him, not God.  **John 8:44** - You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father’s desires.  He was a murderer from the beginning, **not holding to the truth**, for **there is no truth in him**.  **When he lies**, he speaks his native language, for **he is a liar** and **the father of lies**.  **Acts 5:23** - But Peter said, Ananias, why has **Satan filled your heart to lie** to the Holy Spirit…     God hates Lying.  It is an Abomination to God.  **Proverbs 12:22** - The LORD **detests lying lips**, but he delights in those who are truthful.  **Proverbs 12:22** - **Lying lips are abomination** to the LORD; but they that **deal truly** are **his delight**. (KJV)  **Proverbs 3:32** - for the LORD **detests a perverse man**, but takes the upright into his confidence.   **Proverbs 6:16-19** - There are **six things the LORD hates**, seven that are detestable to him: haughty eyes, **a lying tongue**, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, a **false witness who pours out lies** and a man who **sows discord** among brothers. |

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| Can you love God, and still tell lies, or mislead, or deceive a little?    **Proverbs 14:2** - He whose walk is upright **fears the LORD**, but **he whose ways are devious despises him**.   If you have **a habit of lying**, even little white lies.  If you deceive others, allowing people to believe something that is not true, or not the whole truth, whether to get what you want, or avoid consequence of your actions.  God’s Word says:  **You do not love God, you despise him** (you place little value on what he says).  **I John 1:6** - If we say we have fellowship with him, and **walk in darkness**, we lie, and do not practice the truth.  **I John 2:21** - I have not written to you because you don’t know the truth, but because you know it, and that **no lie is of the truth**.     Can you be Righteous and tell lies?   **Proverbs 13:5** - The **righteous hate lies**, but the wicked make themselves a stench and bring shame on themselves.  **Proverbs 12:17** - He that **speaks truth, shows forth righteousness**: but a false witness tells lies.  **I John 3:6-10** - No one who lives in him **keeps on** sinning.  **No one who continues to sin** has either seen him or known him.  Dear children, **do not let anyone deceive you**.  The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.  But **when people keep on sinning**, **it shows that they belong to the devil,** **who has been sinning from the beginning**.  The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.  No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God’s seed remains in them; they cannot go on sinning, because they have been born of God.  This is **how we can tell** who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are:  **Anyone who does not do what is right is not God’s child**, nor is anyone who does not love their brother and sister.   If you Lie you do not know the Lord.    **Jeremiah 9:3** - My people bend their tongues like bows to shoot out lies. They refuse to stand up for the truth.  They go from sin to sin, **they do not know me**, says the LORD.  **Jeremiah 9:5** - They all fool and defraud each other; no one tells the truth.  **With practiced tongues they tell lies**; they wear themselves out with all their sinning.   **James 1:26** - If anyone thinks he is religious without **controlling his own tongue**, then his religion is useless and he **deceives himself**. |

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| If you lie to someone, you really hate them.   **Proverbs 26:28** - A lying tongue **hates those it hurts**, and a flattering mouth works ruin.  **Proverbs 15:4** - A soothing tongue is a tree of life, but a **deceitful tongue** crushes the spirit.  **James 3:6** - The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body.  It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one’s life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell… but the tongue no one can tame, it is restless evil, full of deadly poison.  **With it we bless** our Lord and Father, **and with it we curse** men who are made in the image of God, my friends, **this should not be**.  And so blessing and cursing come pouring out of the same mouth.  Surely, my brothers and sisters, this is not right!  Not everyone likes the truth.  But God honors it.  **Galatians 4:16** - Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?    If you are led by the Spirit, you will tell the truth and walk in it. **John 16:13** - But when he, the **Spirit of truth**, comes, **he will guide you into all truth**.  He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.   If you are not quick to repent and obey, you will become a liar.   **Jeremiah 7:28** - Say to them, ‘This is the nation whose people **will not obey** the LORD their God and who **refuse to be taught**.  **Truth has vanished** from among them, it is no longer heard on their lips.   If you struggle with lying, it could be a symptom of another problem.  It could be a "slow to repent & turn" issue - you’re just not an obeyer.  So now, truth has vanished from you - you lie habitually.  The Cost of Lying (Not 100% truthful - you will deceive to get your way or avoid consequences of your actions)  If lying is your habit, you will never find good, you will always find yourself getting into trouble.   **Proverbs 17:20** - The one who has a perverse heart does not find good, and the one who is **deceitful in speech** **falls into trouble**.     **Proverbs 21:23** - Those who guard their mouth and their tongue keep themselves from calamity. |

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| Lies are soon exposed.  **Proverbs 12:19** - Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue lasts only a moment.  **Proverbs 12:19** - Truthful words stand the test of time, but lies are soon exposed. (NLT)   You will lose God’s presence.  **Psalms 15:1,2 -** Lord, **who may dwell in your sanctuary**, who may live on your holy hill?  The one whose walk is blameless, who does what is righteous and **speaks the truth** from their heart;   God will punish liars.   **Psalms 52:2-5 -** You **who practice deceit**, your tongue plots destruction; it is like a sharpened razor.  **You love evil rather than good**, **falsehood rather than speaking the truth**.  You love every harmful word, you deceitful tongue!  **Surely God will bring you down to everlasting ruin**:  He will snatch you up and pluck you from your tent; he will uproot you from the land of the living.  **Proverbs 19:5** - A false witness **will not go unpunished**, and he that speaks lies will not escape.  **Proverbs 19:9** - A false witness will not go unpunished, and a liar **will be destroyed**.  **Psalms 31:18** - Let their lying lips be silenced, for with pride and contempt they speak arrogantly against the righteous.   **Proverbs 10:31** - The mouth of the righteous **brings forth wisdom**, but the **tongue that deceives** **will be cut out**.   Liars Live in Darkness.   **Ephesians 5:8,9** - For you were **once darkness**, but **now you are light** in the Lord.  **Live as children of light**.  For the **fruit of the light** consists in goodness, righteousness, and **truth**.     Liars are easily deceived themselves.   **2 Thessalonians 2:10,11** - and all the ways that **wickedness deceives** those who are perishing.  **They perish because they refused to love the truth** and so be saved.  Therefore, **God sends them a strong delusion**, **so that they may believe what is false**. |

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| **I Kings 22:19-23** - Micaiah continued, “Therefore hear the word of the LORD:  I saw the LORD sitting on this throne with all the multitudes of heaven standing around him on his right and on his left.  And the LORD said, ‘Who will entice Ahab into attacking Ramoth Gilead and going to his death there?  “One suggested this, and another that.  Finally a spirit came forward, stood before the LORD and said, ‘I will entice him,’  By what means?’ the LORD asked. ‘”**I will go out and be a deceiving spirit** in the mouths of all his prophets,’ he said. ‘”You will succeed in enticing him,’ said the LORD. ‘ Go and do it.’  “**So now the LORD has put a deceiving spirit** in the mouths of all these prophets of yours.  **The LORD has decreed disaster for you**.”  **Proverbs 17:4** - A wicked person **listens to deceitful lips**; **a liar pays attention to a slanderous tongue**.    Liars Separate themselves from God.  He doesn’t hear their prayers and they can’t hear his voice – no matter how much they seek him.   **Isaiah 59:2** - But your iniquities have **separated you from your God**; your sins have **hidden his face from you**, so that **he will not hear**.  For your hands are stained with blood, your fingers with guilt.  **Your lips have spoken falsely**, and your tongue mutters wicked things.   **Jeremiah 9:5** - Friend deceives friend, and **no one speaks the truth**.  They have **taught their tongues to lie**; they weary themselves with sinning.   **You live in the midst of deception**; in their deceit **they refuse to acknowledge me**,” declares the LORD.   Therefore the LORD who rules over all says,  “I will now melt them in the fires of affliction and test them.  **The wickedness of my people has left me no choice**.  What else can I do?"   Liars deceive themselves.  **I John 1:6** - If **we say that we have fellowship with him**, and **walk in darkness**, we lie, and do not the truth.  **I John 1:8** - If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and **the truth is not in us**.   **I John 2:4** - He that says, I know him, and **does not keep** his commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him.    Liars cannot be worshippers. **John 4:23** - But the hour cometh, and now is, when **true worshippers** **shall worship** the Father in spirit and **in truth**: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.    Liars have NO CLAIM to God’s promises. **Psalms 50:16,19**  But to the wicked person, God says:  “**What right have you** to recite my statutes or take my covenant or speak about my covenant with your lips?  Your mouth is full of wickedness, and **your tongue is full of lies**. (your tongue frames deceit) |

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| No Liar will enter the Kingdom of Heaven.   **Revelation 21:27** - Nothing evil will be allowed to enter, and **not one who practices abomination and lying**, shall ever come into it, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb’s Book of Life.   **Revelation 22:15** - **Outside** the city **are** the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and **everyone who loves and practices lying**.   **Revelation 21:8** - But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters **and all liars** – they will be consigned to the lake of burning sulfur.  This is the second death.    God's Command Is Clear:  Do Not Lie     Speak the Truth.  Be known for complete honesty.    **Psalms 34:13** - Keep your tongue from evil and your lips **from telling lies**. **Proverbs 4:24** - Put away from you a deceitful mouth and put devious speech far from you.  **Leviticus 19:11** - Do not steal.  **Do not lie**.  **Do not deceive** one another.   **Colossians 3:9** - **Do not lie** to each other, since **you have taken off your old sinful nature** and with its evil practices.  **Zechariah 8:16a** - These are the things you are to do:  **Speak the truth** to each other…  **Ephesians 4:22,25** - You were taught with regard to your former way of life, to **put off your old self**, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires.  Therefore each of you must **put off lying and speak the truth** to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body.  **Mark 10:19** - You know the commandments:  ‘Do not murder.  Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, **Do not bear false witness**, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.  **Deuteronomy 5:20** - You **must not testify falsely** against your neighbor.  **Proverbs 3:3** - Don’t let mercy **and truth** leave you.  Bind them around your neck.  Write them on the tablet of your heart.   **Proverbs 24:28** - Do not testify against your neighbor without cause, and do not use your lips to deceive. |

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| Commit to always be truthful **Proverbs 8:7** - For **my mouth shall speak truth**; and wickedness is an abomination to my lips. **Psalms 119:30 -** I have **chosen the way of truth**: your word have I laid before me.   Lying is unbecoming, you’re better than that!  **Proverbs 17:7** - Excellent speech becometh not a fool, much less do lying lips a prince.   Truth is part of the whole armor of God.  Speak truth, not lies. **Ephesians 6:14** - Stand firm then, with the **belt of truth** buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place.     If you Love God and love other people, you will always tell the truth and grow.   **Ephesians 4:14,15** - Then we will **no longer be** immature like children.  We won’t be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching.  We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth.  Rather, **speaking the truth** in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, even Christ.   **I Corinthians 13:6** - Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.  Benefits Of Not Lying  (Always being truthful)  You will dwell in his sanctuary, and never be shaken.   **Psalms 15:1-5** - LORD, who may **dwell in your sanctuary**? Who may live on your holy hill? He whose walk is blameless and who does what is righteous, **who speaks the truth** from his heart and has no slander on his tongue, **who does his neighbor no wrong** and casts no slur on his fellowman who despises a vile man but honors those who fear the LORD, who keeps his oath even when it hurts, who lends his money without usury and does not accept a bribe against the innocent.  He who does these things **will never be shaken**.  **Psalms 89:14** - Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne.  Mercy and Truth shall go before your face.    God will give you victory and success  **Psalms 45:4** - In your majesty ride forth victoriously **in the cause of truth**, humility and justice; let your right hand achieve awesome deeds. |

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| Truth will preserve you  **Proverbs 20:28** - Loyalty and truth preserve the king, and he secures his throne by righteousness.    God will bring you a life of peace and safety, you will not fear!  **Zephaniah 3:13** - The remnant of Israel will do no wrong; they **will never tell lies or deceive** one another.  They will **eat and sleep in safety**, and no one will make them afraid.”    God promotes you!  **Exodus 18:21** - But select capable men from all the people – men who fear God, **men of truth**, hating  dishonest gain, and place them as leaders of thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens.     God gives wisdom to those who are completely truthful.    **Psalms 51:6** - Behold **you desire truth in the innermost being**, and in the hidden part you will make me know wisdom.    God gives a covenant of peace  **Malachi 2:6** - My covenant was with him, a covenant of life and peace, and I gave them to him; this called for fear, and **he feared me and stood in awe of my name**.  **True instruction** was in his mouth, and **nothing false was found on his lips**: he **walked with me** **in** peace and **righteousness**, and **turned many from sin**.    Truthfulness will help us live with God forever.   **Psalms 61:7** - He will abide before God forever; Appoint loving kindness and **truth** that they may preserve him.    Truth purges us from iniquities – so nothing hinders our relationship with Him.   **Proverbs 16:6** - By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil. |

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| Discernment Required  Sometimes close relationships or spiritual advisors, share opinions that are not the truth.  Discernment is required.  **Jeremiah 14:14 -** Then the LORD said, “These prophets **are telling lies in my name**.  I did not send them or tell them to speak.  I did not give them any messages.  They prophesy of visions and revelations they have never seen or heard.  They speak **foolishness made up in their own lying hearts**.  **Jeremiah 23:32** - I am against those who prophesy lying dreams, declares the LORD, and who tell them **and lead my people astray by their lies** and their recklessness, when I did not send them or charge them.  So they do not profit this people at all, declares the LORD.  **Jeremiah 28:15** - Then Jeremiah the prophet said to Hananiah the prophet,  “Listen now, Hananiah, the LORD has not sent you, and you have made **this people trust in a lie**.   **Jeremiah 29:31** - “Send and open letter to all the exiles in Babylon.  Tell them, ‘This is what the LORD says concerning Shemaiah of Nehalam:  Because Shemaiah had prophesied to you when I did not send him, and **has made you trust in a lie**,   **Zechariah 10:2** - The household gods speak deceitfully (give worthless advice), diviners see **visions that lie**; **they tell dreams that are false**, they give comfort in vain.  Therefore the people wander like sheep, they are attacked because they have no shepherd.  **Matt 7:15-16a - Beware of false prophets**.  They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly are ravening wolves.  **You will know them by their fruit**…      (i.e.  **look at the fruit of their lives**, are they living by truth? Today we don't really have false prophets, we don't call people that, we just have false friends.  Those who have influence to speak into our life.  Do they consistently hear from the LORD? Or **are they occasionally, or frequently deceived themselves?**)  **I John 4:1** - **Dear friends, do not believe everyone who claims to speak by the Spirit**.  You must test them to see if the spirit they have comes from God.  For there are many false prophets in the world.  Just Cause they said they heard God, doesn’t mean they did.   **I Kings 13:17,18** - I have been told by the Word of the LORD: ‘You must not eat bread or drink water there or return by the way you came.  The old prophet answered, “I too am a prophet, as you are.  **And an angel said to me by the word of the LORD**: ‘Bring him back with you to your house so that he may eat bread and drink water.’ (**But he was lying** to him). |

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| **Proverbs 7:14,15** - I have **fellowship offerings** at home; today I fulfilled my vows.  So I came out to meet you; I looked for you and found you…    Get Godly Teaching and A Multitude of Godly Counsel (pastors, teachers, friends etc.) so you are prepared, become mature, and come into unity (Ephesians 4:11-13)  so that:  **Ephesians 4:14** - Then we will **no longer be immature** like children.  We won’t be **tossed and blown about** by every wind of new teaching.  We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with **lies so clever** **they sound like** the truth.   Liars are the first to call the truth a lie. (They are the first to accuse the righteous of lying).   **2 Kings 18:29** - This is what the king says:  Do not let Hezekiah deceive you.  He cannot deliver you from my hand.  Do not let Hezekiah persuade you to trust in the LORD when he says, “The Lord will surely deliver us;  this city will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.”   If you put up with lying friends, all your friends will lie to you  **Psalms 29:12** - If a ruler listens to lies, all his officials become wicked.   God will deliver the righteous from those who speak lies against them  **Psalms 27:12** - Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for **false witnesses rise up against me**, spouting malicious accusations.  **Psalms 120:1,2** - In my distress I cried out unto the LORD, and he heard me.  Deliver my soul, O LORD**, from lying lips**, and from a deceitful tongue.  **Psalms 144:7,8** - Reach down from heaven and **rescue me**; rescue me from deep waters**, from the power of my enemies**.  Their mouths are full of lies; they swear to tell the truth, but they lie instead.    How Do You Become Completely Truthful? - if lying has been a habit?      Learn the Fear of the LORD:  Love God – Hate Sin   **Proverbs 16:6** - By mercy and truth iniquity is purged, and **by the fear of the LORD**, men depart from evil. |

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| Know that every little lie or misleading of others – is an abomination before God.  You cannot love God and continue to lie or mislead anyone - you actually despise Him. (literally place little value on what He says)   Ask for His Help  **Psalms 25:5** - Lead me in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. **Psalms 119:29** - **Remove from me the way of lying**, and be gracious to me, and teach me your law.  **Psalms 86:11** - **Teach me your way** O LORD, that I may walk in **your truth**.  Give me an undivided heart **to fear your name.**    Love His Word, and you will learn to hate lying.    **Psalms 119:160** - All **your words are true**; all your righteous laws are eternal.  **John 17:17** - Sanctify them by your truth:  **your word is truth**.   **Psalms 119:162-3** - I rejoice at your word as one who finds great treasure.  **I hate and despise lying**, but I love your teaching.   **Psalms 119:104** -  Through your precepts I get understanding:  therefore **I hate every false way**. **Psalms 119:128** - and because I consider all your precepts right, **I hate every false way**.  **Psalms 119:151** - You are near O LORD; and all your commands are truth.  **Psalms 138:2** - I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name for your loving kindness and **your truth**, for you have **exalted your word** above all your name.  **Proverbs 22:21** - **Teaching you to be honest** and to **speak the truth**, so that you bring back truthful reports to those you serve.    Before you speak ask yourself – is this completely truthful? **I Peter 2:1** - Therefore, **rid yourselves** **of** all malice and **all deceit**, hypocrisy, envy and slander of every kind.   Only Think About Things That Are True  **Philippians 4:8** - Finally, brethren, **whatever things are true**, whatever things are honest, whatever things are right, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever is admirable; if anything is excellent or worthy of praise - **think on these things**. |

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