

S.A.F.E. Homes



Strengthening Apostolic Families Everywhere



**Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace.
- Psalm 37:37**

Standing Tall

Merriam-Webster describes honesty as:

(a) free from fraud, deception or trickery, and (b) being just what is indicated; authentic.

The Bible Word Dictionary states the word honest is most often interchangeable with the word 'upright'.

Is an upright man a genetically perfect person born with a pure mind that is almost unable to do wrong? No, the upright man is an average human being, flawed and capable of dishonest words and actions, just like you and me. But the upright man has made some lifestyle choices that will make a difference.

Let us take a look at characteristics of honesty/uprightness:

- *Accurate (tells the truth)
- *Integrity (true to your word)
- *Credible (pattern of faithfulness)
- *Complete communication (not lying by omission)
- *Keeping your promises

God requires truthfulness and honesty in all forms of human expression.

Job was a perfect and upright man, a man that feared God and turned away from evil. The Lord said there was none like him in the earth. When tribulation arose in his life, "Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly" (Job 1:22). He lost all his material possessions and his children were taken. Even his wife turned her back on him. When his friends came to grieve with him, they falsely accused him of being the cause of all the disasters in his life, due to sin.


In the end, Job held onto hope. He had come to realize the awesomeness and sovereignty of the Lord despite his circumstances. Because Job remained upright in his walk with God, the Lord blessed the latter end of him more than his beginning. (Job 42:12)

Being upright means remaining steadfast despite the length of the trial. The circumstance does not change who we are. Honesty and uprightness will remain even when no one else is looking.

Family Prayer: Lord, You are a buckler to them that walk uprightly. Continually guide me to remain honest in all that I do. My desire is to be pleasing in Your sight. In Jesus' Name.



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Looking



Inward

Honesty Award

This activity is a way to encourage honesty each week. On family night ask the following question, "Who had a situation this past week where it was a challenge to be honest?" Whoever remembers and explains the best incident of their honesty being tested will be presented with an award. This award can be homemade or store-bought. The award will be hung on the winner's door for the week. Parents can be participants and recipients as well. Each week, a new winner will be awarded. This may turn into an on-going activity for your family, if working well, to promote honesty and integrity.

Let's talk!

Think of times when it seemed everyone around you was doing something wrong. Did you remain 'upright' or go along with the crowd? How could you have handled the situation differently? What do you think the outcome would have been?

Review the characteristics of being upright from the devotional. All these traits are useful in our day-to-day activities with our families, but most importantly... spiritually. One way to exercise all of these traits is to be actively involved in your church. Children can play a part as well, even at a young age. These may include, picking up candy wrappers/paper in the church and on the grounds, learning the names of and showing friendship to visiting children in the Sunday School classes, etc. Ask the Lord for a sensitive heart and for His guidance to lead you in the right direction so you will be most effective.

Looking



Outward



Additional Challenges

Cause and Effect

To every action there is an equal reaction.

For each scenario below, locate the scripture and tell what happened when they did the following:

Achan hid stolen items in his tent

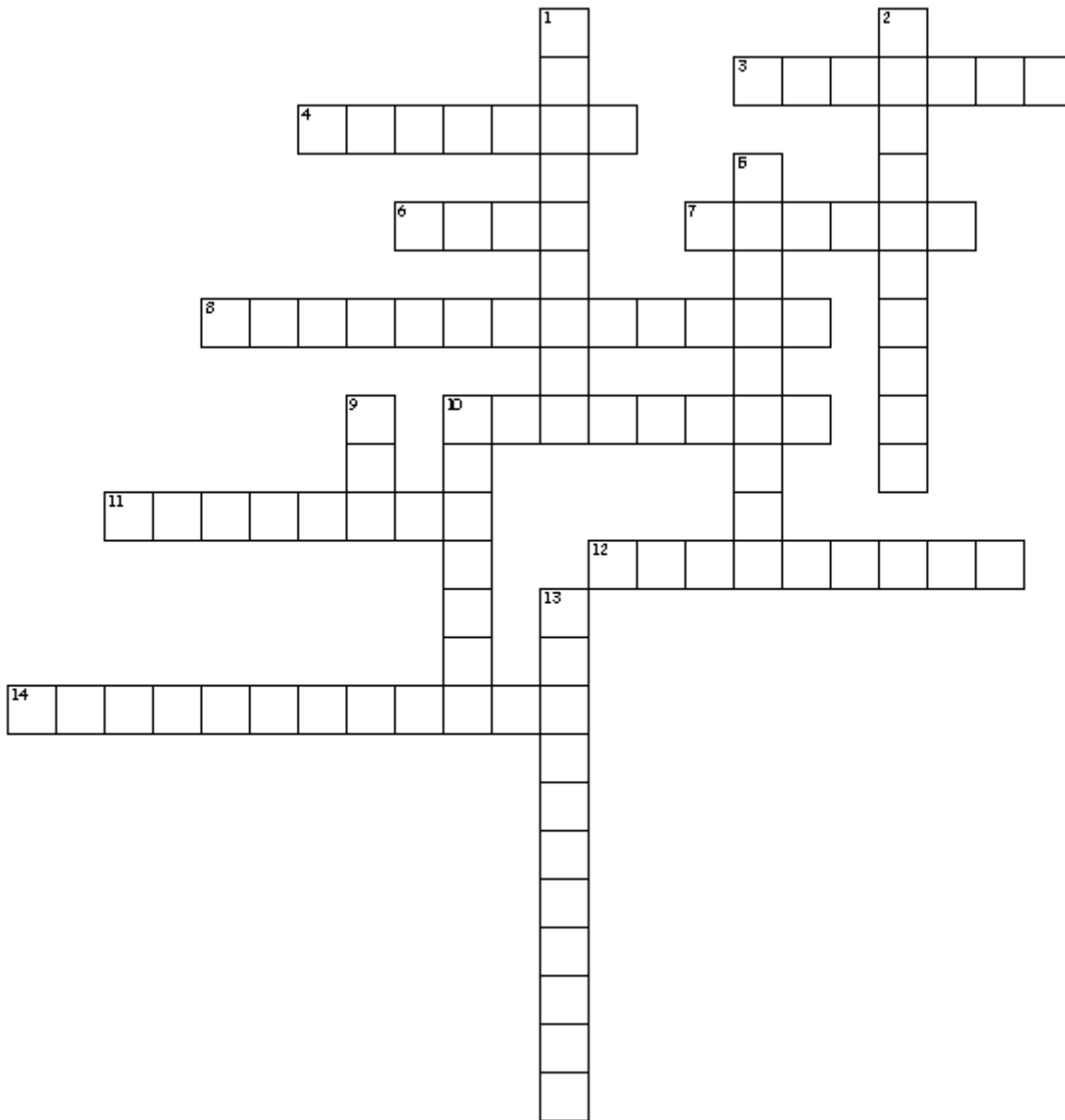
Abraham asked Sarah to deceive King Abimelech

Jacob deceived his father, Isaac

Ananias & Sapphira lied to Peter

Crossword puzzle

Standing Tall



Across

- 3. Honest is interchangeable with _____
- 4. Free from fraud, deception or trickery
- 6. In the end Job held onto _____
- 7. "Job _____ not, nor charged God foolishly
- 8. Job realized how awesome God is despite his _____
- 10. Tells the truth
- 11. Pattern of faithfulness
- 12. True to your word
- 14. God requires _____ and honesty

Down

- 1. Another word for honesty
- 2. The upright man's choices will make a _____
- 5. The upright man has made _____ choices
- 9. Was a perfect and upright man
- 10. The upright man is an _____ human being
- 13. Job lost all his material _____

