Cultivating A Heart Like Jesus

“An Honest Heart”

Ephesians 4:25

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Introduction:

A. We say the honesty pays _____, but actually it often _______.
B. Honest ______ spring from and honest _________.
C. We are called to be Jesus’ ___________.

I. Jesus and ___________.
   A. Jesus was staunchly ________. (Isaiah 53:9)
   B. God has been ______ about honesty. (Ps. 101:7; Pr. 12:22; 6:17; Ps. 5:6; Rev. 21:8)
   C. Dishonesty is _________ to the character of God. (Heb. 6:18; Tit. 1:2)
   D. Satan finds it impossible to ______ the _________. (Jn. 8:44)

II. The Wages of ________.
   A. Jeremiah was right when he announced “The heart is __________ above all things.” (Jer. 17:9)
   B. We often don’t _______ the truth.
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   D. Ananias and Sapphira’s deceit resulted in their _________. (Acts 5:11)
   E. Our deceit often leads to death. Not the death of the body, but the death of other things:
      1. ___________. 2. ______________. 3. _____________.
   F. Most tragically, it leads to the death of our ___________.

III. Facing the ___________.
   A. We need to simply tell the truth to: ____________, to ________, and to _____________.
   B. Jesus had an honest heart, and since we are a ______ of Him, we must be _______ Him.
   C. Jesus is the _______ and the ___________, so we can trust Him.
   D. Let’s turn to God and be truthful about our _______ and our need for His _________.