

Cultivating A Heart Like Jesus

“An Honest Heart”

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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.
- C. We often don't _____ the truth.
- 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 _____.

Answer Key: Intro. A. off, costs. B. lips, heart. C. witnesses. I. Honesty. I.A. honest. I.B. clear. I.C. contrary. I.D. tell, truth. II. Deceit. II.A. deceitful. II.B. like. II.C. trust. II.D. deaths. II.E.1. marriage. II.E.2. conscience. II.E.3. career. II.F. witness. III. Music. III.A. ourselves, God, others. III.B. part, like. III.C. way, truth. III.D. sins, grace.