
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:

■ 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.

■ • You don't _____.

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.

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

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

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."

• 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.
