

# Sticks and Stones

## #1: It takes one to know one

### How To Deal With Dishonesty

#### 1. Embrace the \_\_\_\_\_

a) It \_\_\_\_\_

**Proverbs 11:3** *The integrity of the honest keeps them on track; the deviousness of crooks brings them to ruin.* (The Message)

b) It builds \_\_\_\_\_

**Proverbs 16:13** *Kings take pleasure in honest lips; they value a man who speaks the truth.*

c) It keeps you \_\_\_\_\_

**Proverbs 12:22** *The LORD detests lying lips, but he delights in men who are truthful.*

#### 2. \_\_\_\_\_

**Daniel 6:4** *The other men tried to find something wrong with the way Daniel did his work for the king. But they could not accuse him of anything wrong, because he was honest and faithful and did everything he was supposed to do.*

**Colossians 3:9-10** *Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.*

#### 3. Install some \_\_\_\_\_

\*Make a commitment to be \_\_\_\_\_

**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.*

\*Confront dishonesty

\*Develop \_\_\_\_\_

\*Keep your conscience clear

**Acts 24:16** *So I strive always to keep my conscience clear before God and man.*

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**Lying: 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 stirs up dissension among brothers.*

-Is your driver's license info accurate?

-Do you ever lie to your parents or children?

-If you found a wallet with lots of money would you return it all?

-Ever have your kids tell someone you are not home when the phone rings?

-Do you really like their new hairstyle?

-Are you lying to yourself? Can you really stop any time you want?

**Slander:** *Slander is a malicious form of lying. It is defined as "the utterance of false charges or misrepresentations which defame and damage another's reputation."*

-Are you tearing someone down in the eyes of others?

**Deceit:** *We practice deceit when we lead someone to believe a lie, even though we may be speaking true words.*

-Are you allowing your parents to believe something about you that's not true?

-Are you allowing your boss to believe something about you that's not true?

-Are you allowing your spouse to believe something about you that's not true?

-Are you disclosing everything about that item you're trying to sell?

**Cheating:**

-Are you 100% accurate on your tax returns?

-Do you cheat at school?

-Do you give your employer a full day's work?

-Have you ever cheated on your spouse?

**Exaggerating**

-How accurate are you with your words?

-How big was that fish you caught?

-Did you really finish that marathon?

-Did you really make that much at your last job?

**Broken promises**

-Do you keep your word?

-Can your boss count on you?

-Can your kids count on you?