

Women of the Word  
IMAGE BEARERS:  
Made for Relationship; Made to Worship

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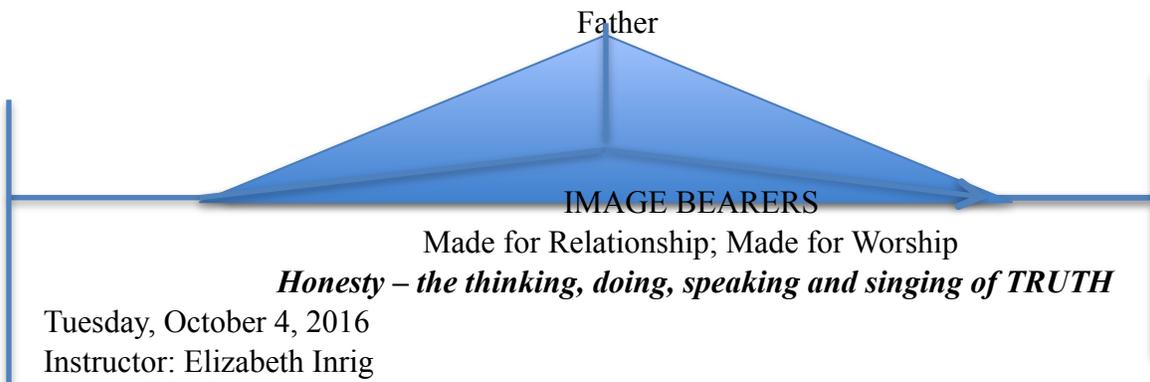
I Review: GOD

The PRIMARY Gift from God is HIMSELF in the Person of Jesus Christ who enables us to ENJOY a Relationship with God and EMBRACE the Worship of God as our primary stance before God.

GOD – the ONE Who has Revealed Himself to us in creation, in written Words, through the Living Word and by the Holy Spirit so sinners will believe in Christ Jesus is the Indispensable ONE True God Who gives us Everything We Need for Life and Godliness.

The Lord Jesus Christ, seed of the woman, Son of the Father, Messiah, King of the Israel of God, Bridegroom for His bride and Shepherd of His flock has ***Revealed, Manifest, Disclosed and 'Made Known'*** the Triune God as the only WAY to the Father, TRUTH from the Father and LIFE of the Father. Because of the Incarnation, life, death, substitutionary atonement of Christ Jesus on the cross and His victorious resurrection from death, satan was disarmed and the sin, death and the devil triumphed over.

The Incarnation of the second person of the Trinity into real humanity and His provision of life to believing people, forgiven sinners can be 'known' by God and in turn can 'know God' and fellowship with others who truly 'know God'. The Holy Spirit has brought a family together called 'the church'. God shares some eternal attributes with His children so they will have fellowship with Him and enjoy a Relationship with God, a reason to Worship God and enjoy godly relationships with believers.



“**God is TRUTH**; He has been truthful in His self-revelation to us about Himself and about me. He knows me and I am KNOWN by Him. I know God and do not need to hide from him because Christ’s death has washed away my sin. I do not need to hide from you nor blame you; I am free to confess my



I INTRODUCTION: Context for Honesty: Living Truthfully

We have seen in both Testaments how God revealed Himself from the beginning as a God of \_\_\_\_\_.

From the Garden of Eden on, the choice to believe lies over believing God's truthful word has been man's ultimate choice.

From both the OT and NT, what does God tell us about Himself? What do they tell us about His relationship to man?

= in Genesis = in Exodus = in Romans, Timothy = in Hebrews = in John

On the other hand, had He been capricious (erratic, guilty of impulsive changes) comment on how you believe He would have related to:

- Adam and Eve
- Moses and the people
- The Jews and the Gentiles
- Those to whom He made promises in Israel

Instead, review what you know about God in these instances:

- Adam and Eve
- Moses and the Israelites
- The Jews and Gentiles
- Those to whom He made promises in the Church

II The BRIDGE of Trust built for us by the God who does not lie!

God's self-description and self-revelation in His Word confirms to us His excellence in character that enables Him to be honest with humanity about our real needs. Were He a 'people-pleasing God' (the kind of God fallen humanity 'makes in his image') His words would have \_\_\_\_\_ their nature and their wants and ignored their \_\_\_\_\_.

As we have seen in the earlier passages.

III UNDERSTANDING the attribute/characteristic Truth:

1. What it is NOT:
  - a. Prov. 26:28b
  - b. Prov. 29:5
2. What it CANNOT be:
  - a. Prov. 11:13 - g\_\_\_\_\_ or  
t\_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Prov. 16:27, 28 - s\_\_\_\_\_ or  
wor\_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Prov. 18:8 - wh\_\_\_\_\_

3. What it MUST be:
  - a. 1 Peter 1:13-16 (Lev. 11:44)
  
4. How believers SHOULDN'T and SHOULD behave when it comes to a LIFESTYLE of TRUTHFULNESS:
  - a. Eph. 4:25 – 31
    - i. Lay aside –
    - ii. Pick up –
    - iii. Be \_\_\_\_\_ but do not \_\_\_\_\_
    - iv. Let no \_\_\_\_\_ word proceed from your mouth, only those that....  
 Good for \_\_\_\_\_. Meets the need of the \_\_\_\_\_, gives \_\_\_\_\_ to those who hear

#### IV Mandate, Model, Goal

1. MANDATE and GOAL: BE HOLY: A Lifestyle of TRUTH = inside and outside
  - a. WHO believers ARE is described in 2 Cor. 5:17 -
  - b. What believers should THINK about is described in Philippians 4:4-8 -
  
2. MODEL the LORD God: An Eternity of Excellence and friend Joseph
  - a. WHO God IS \_\_\_\_\_ HOW He \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. WHAT God does is \_\_\_\_\_ with WHO He is, \_\_\_\_\_ with WHAT He \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ with what He \_\_\_\_\_.

#### V CONCLUSION

No purpose of God's is inconsistent with His \_\_\_\_\_. incompatible with His \_\_\_\_\_ nor incongruent with His \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Who you are \_\_\_\_\_ HOW you \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ should be \_\_\_\_\_ with your new nature in Christ. A life-style of HONESTY – Truthfulness FINAL DISCUSSION:

1. On a scale of 1 – 10, how honest are you in speech? In behavior?
2. In what ways do you find yourself slandering others? criticizing others? Deceiving others? Being angry at others?
3. What will it take for you to change or stop hurting others?

#### A SHOWCASE of TRUTH – The Bible talks about TRUTH and HONESTY

Our GOD is the TRUTH therefore His people are enabled by God's Spirit to think, speak, obey and desire the TRUTH.

**Exodus 18:21** "Furthermore, you shall select out of all the people able men who fear God, men of truth, those who hate dishonest gain; and you shall place these over them as leaders of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties and of tens.

**Leviticus 19:35-36** 'You shall do no wrong in judgment, in measurement of weight, or capacity. 'You shall have just balances, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin; I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from the land of Egypt.

**Deuteronomy 25:13-16** "You shall not have in your bag differing weights, a large and a small. "You shall not have in your house differing measures, a large and a small. "You shall have a full and just weight; you shall have a full and just measure, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the LORD your God gives you. [read more.](#)

**1 Samuel 12:3-5** "Here I am; bear witness against me before the LORD and His anointed **Whose ox have I taken, or whose donkey have I taken, or whom have I defrauded? Whom have I oppressed, or from whose hand have I taken a bribe to blind my eyes with it? I will restore it to you.**" They said, "**You have not defrauded us or oppressed us or taken anything from any man's hand.**" He said to them, "The LORD is witness against you, and His anointed is witness this day that you have found nothing in my hand." And they said, "He is witness."

**2 Samuel 7:28** "Now, O Lord GOD, You are God, and **Your words are truth**, and You have promised this good thing to Your servant

**2 Samuel 18:12** The man said to Joab, "Even if I should receive a thousand pieces of silver in my hand, **I would not put out my hand against the king's son; for in our hearing the king charged you** and Abishai and Ittai, saying, 'Protect for me the young man Absalom!'

**1 Kings 9:4-5** "As for you, if you will walk before Me as your father David walked, **in integrity of heart and uprightness**, doing according to all that I have commanded you and will keep My statutes and My ordinances, **then I will establish the throne of your kingdom over Israel forever**, just as I promised to your father David, saying, 'You shall not lack a man on the throne of Israel.'

**1 Kings 17:24** Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God and **that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth.**"

**2 Kings 12:15** Moreover, **they did not require an accounting from the men** into whose hand they gave the money to pay to those who did the work, **for they dealt faithfully.**

**1 Chronicles 29:17** "Since I know, O my God, that You try the heart and **delight in uprightness**, I, in the integrity of my heart, have willingly offered all these things; so now with joy I have seen Your people, who are present here, make their offerings willingly to You.

**Job 27:4** **My lips certainly will not speak unjustly, Nor will my tongue mutter deceit.**

**Psalms 19:7** The law of the LORD is perfect, restoring the soul; The **testimony of the LORD is sure**, making wise the simple.

**Psalms 33:4** For **the word of the LORD is upright**, And all His work is done in faithfulness.

**Psalms 111:7** The works of His hands are **truth and justice**; All His precepts are sure.

**Psalms 119:142** Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, **And Your law is truth.**

**Proverbs 12:17** **He who speaks truth tells what is right**, But a false witness, deceit.

**Proverbs 11:3** The **integrity of the upright will guide them**, But the crookedness of the treacherous will destroy them.

**Psalms 41:12** As for me, **You uphold me in my integrity**, And You set me in Your presence forever.

**Proverbs 17:26** **It is also not good to fine the righteous**, Nor to strike the noble for their uprightness.

**Proverbs 19:1** Better is **a poor man who walks in his integrity** Than he who is perverse in speech and is a fool.

**Proverbs 20:7** **A righteous man who walks in his integrity--** How blessed are his sons after him.

**Proverbs 29:10** Men of bloodshed hate the blameless, **But the upright are concerned for his life.**

**Daniel 6:4** Then the commissioners and satraps began **trying to find a ground of accusation against Daniel** in regard to government affairs; but **they could find no ground of accusation or evidence of corruption, inasmuch as he was faithful, and no negligence or corruption was to be found in him.**

**Ezekiel 45:10** "You shall have **just balances**, a just ephah and a just bath.

**Zechariah 8:16-17** 'These are the things which you should do: **speak the truth to one another; judge with truth and judgment for peace in your gates. 'Also let none of you devise evil in your heart against another, and do not love perjury; for all these are what I hate,' declares the LORD.**"

**Isaiah 45:19** "I have not spoken in secret, In some dark land; I did not say to the offspring of Jacob, 'Seek Me in a waste place'; **I, the LORD, speak righteousness, Declaring things that are upright.**

**Jeremiah 10:10** **But the LORD is the true God;** He is the living God and the everlasting King At His wrath the earth quakes, And the nations cannot endure His indignation. **Jeremiah 26:15** "Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood on yourselves, and on this city and on its inhabitants; **for truly the LORD has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing."**

**Isaiah 59:14-15**

Justice is turned back, And righteousness stands far away; **For truth has stumbled in the street, And uprightness cannot enter. Yes, truth is lacking;** And he who turns aside from evil makes himself a prey Now the LORD saw, And it was displeasing in His sight that there was no justice.

**Psalms 15:1-2** O LORD, who may abide in Your tent? Who may dwell on Your holy hill? He who **walks with integrity, and works righteousness, And speaks truth in his heart.**

**Matthew 22:16** And they sent their disciples to Him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that **You are truthful and teach the way of God in truth, and defer to no one; for You are not partial to any.**

**Mark 12:14** They came and said to Him, "Teacher, we know that You are truthful and defer to no one; for **You are not partial to any, but teach the way of God in truth.** Is it lawful to pay a poll-tax to Caesar, or not?"

**Acts 24:16** "In view of this, **I also do my best to maintain always a blameless conscience both before God and before men.**

**2 Corinthians 1:12** For our proud confidence is this: the testimony of our conscience, **that in holiness and godly sincerity, not in fleshly wisdom but in the grace of God, we have conducted ourselves in the world,** and especially toward you.

**2 Corinthians 2:17**

For we are **not like many, peddling the word of God,** but as from sincerity, but as from God, we speak in Christ in the sight of God.

**John 4:23-24** "But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. "God is spirit, and those who worship Him **must worship in spirit and truth."**

**John 7:28** Then Jesus cried out in the temple, teaching and saying, "You both know Me and know where I am from; and I have not come of Myself, **but He who sent Me is true,** whom you do not know. **John 8:45-46**

"But because I speak the truth, you do not believe Me. "Which one of you convicts Me of sin? If I speak truth, why do you not believe Me?"

**John 18:23** Jesus answered him, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify of the wrong; **but if rightly, why do you strike Me?"**

**Galatians 4:16** So **have I become your enemy by telling you the truth?**

**Romans 1:18** For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of **men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,**

**Romans 3:4** May it never be! Rather, **let God be found true, though every man be found a liar**, as it is written, "THAT YOU MAY BE JUSTIFIED IN YOUR WORDS, AND PREVAIL WHEN YOU ARE JUDGED."

**Ephesians 4:15**

but **speaking the truth in love**, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ,

**1 Corinthians 5:8** Therefore let us celebrate the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, **but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth**

**2 Corinthians 4:2** But we have renounced the things hidden because of shame, not walking in craftiness or adulterating the word of God, **but by the manifestation of truth** commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

**1 Thessalonians 1:9** For they themselves report about us what kind of a reception we had with you, and how you turned to God from idols **to serve a living and true God**,

**1 Timothy 3:8** Deacons likewise must be men of dignity, **not double-tongued**, or addicted to much wine or fond of sordid gain,

**Titus 1:7** For the overseer must be above reproach as God's steward, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not addicted to wine, not pugnacious, **not fond of sordid gain**,

**Titus 2:7-8** in all things show yourself to be an example of good deeds, with purity in doctrine, dignified, **sound in speech which is beyond reproach**, so that the opponent will be put to shame, having nothing bad to say about us.

**1 Peter 2:22**

WHO COMMITTED NO SIN, **NOR WAS ANY DECEIT FOUND IN HIS MOUTH**;

**1 John 5:20** And we know that the Son of God has come, and has given us understanding so that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ **This is the true God and eternal life**.

**Revelation 3:7** "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: **He who is holy, who is true, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, and who shuts and no one opens**, says this:

**Revelation 15:2-3** And I saw something like a sea of glass mixed with fire, and those who had been victorious over the beast and his image and the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, holding harps of God. And they sang the song of Moses, the bond-servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, "**Great and marvelous are Your works, O Lord God, the Almighty; Righteous and true are Your ways, King of the nations!**

**Revelation 19:9** Then he said to me, "Write, 'Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb'" And he said to me, "**These are true words of God.**"