

HOW TO DEVELOP TRUTHFULNESS

OUTLINE

I. WHAT IS TRUTHFULNESS?

II. HOW DOES GOD REQUIRE TRUTHFULNESS?

1. Be truthful to God.
2. Be truthful to your parents.
3. Be truthful to your conscience.
4. Be truthful to your church elders.
5. Be truthful to your civil authorities.
6. Be truthful to your employer.

III. HOW DID JESUS DEMONSTRATE TRUTHFULNESS?

1. He was truthful to God.
2. He was true to His parents.
3. He was true to conscience.
4. He was truthful to elders.
5. He was truthful to rulers.
6. He was true to employers.

IV. WHICH MEMBERS OF THE BODY MUST BE CONTROLLED FOR TRUTHFULNESS?

THE HEART

THE BRAIN

V. WHO IN HISTORY DEMONSTRATED TRUTHFULNESS?

1. Joseph's Brothers
2. Joshua and Caleb
3. Mordecai

VI. HOW DOES THE RED SQUIRREL DEMONSTRATE TRUTHFULNESS?

- The red squirrel defines and masters its jurisdiction.
- The red squirrel is alert to the slightest danger.
- The red squirrel gives a clear warning of danger.
- The red squirrel is active and alert all year long.
- The red squirrel is bold in the face of enemies.
- The red squirrel accepts long periods of aloneness.
- The red squirrel leaves a testimony even after its death.

VII. HOW TO DISCOVER... THE FOUR KEYS TO TRUTHFULNESS

1. The Author of Truthfulness

2. The Source of Truthfulness
3. The Guide to Truthfulness

VIII. HOW TO TEAR DOWN ... THE STRONGHOLDS OF DECEPTION

IX. HOW TO BE TRUTHFUL

1. How to Be Truthful to God
 - Realize that God knows all things.*
 - Know the high cost of hiding from God.*
 - Remember that God is rich in mercy.*
 - Trace your temptations to basic needs.*
 - Receive the rewards of truthfulness.*
 - Retrace defeats to regain lost "ground."*
 - Replace strongholds with towers of truth.*
2. How to Be Truthful to Your Parents
 - Never promise not to tell your parents.*
 - Report accidents and damage immediately.*
 - Inform parents about your weaknesses.*
 - Don't pre-guess your parents' responses.*
 - Have your parents approve all friends.*
 - Discuss ideas before planning activities.*
 - Help parents be truthful, if needed.*
3. How to Be Truthful to Your Conscience
 - Call sins by their true names.*
 - Recognize and reject rationalizations.*
 - Confess your failures quickly.*
 - Recall past promises and fulfill them.*
 - Let your conscience discern good vs. good.*
 - The Importance of Understanding "Iniquity"*
4. How to Be Truthful to Your Elders
 - Put on the "Belt of Truth."*
 - Accept the Bible as the "Textbook of Truth."*
 - Be accountable to elders for truthfulness.*
 - Prepare for truth with "an honest heart."*
 - Make sure your songs are truthful.*
 - Tell your elders how you are applying truth.*
 - Know how rejecting truth brings delusion.*
5. How to Be Truthful to Civil Authorities
 - Provide truth for decisions.*
 - Protect liberty by not being a false witness.*
 - Volunteer information to solve crimes.*
 - Confess to authorities, if you are guilty.*
 - Make truthful appeals if falsely accused.*

6. How to Be Truthful to Your Employer
 - Be punctual and put in a full day's work.*
 - Work as though God were your employer.*
 - Respect your employer's property.*
 - Don't misrepresent your abilities.*
 - Don't give excuses for unsatisfactory work.*
 - Reject money that requires dishonesty.*
 - Use after-work hours wisely.*

X. HOW TO BALANCE TRUTHFULNESS

1. With Thoroughness
2. With Discretion
3. With Mercy
4. With Genuine Love

PRACTICAL ASSIGNMENT