

III. **LIVE** TRUTHFULLY

A. Consistent truthful living **fuels** good relationships.

“10 Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth is far above rubies.

11 The heart of her husband safely trusts her;...”

Proverbs 31:10-11a

“The righteous man walks in his integrity; His children are blessed after him.”

Proverbs 20:7

B. Consistent truthfulness is vital in two areas:

1. Your **public** vs. your **private** image.

“But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the LORD does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”

I Samuel 16:7

2. Your **words** vs. your **actions**.

Illustration: Ananias and Saphira (Acts 5:1-11)

“I have chosen the way of truth.”

—Psalm 119:30

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO TO PUMP UP THE LOVE VOLUME IN YOUR LIFE?

*“4: I thank my God, making mention of you always in my prayers,
5: hearing of your love and faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus and toward all the saints,”*

Philemon 4-5

LOVE OUT LOUD

Love Is Truthful

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INTRODUCTION

A. Can you imagine what the world would be like if everyone loved out loud? There is no doubt love matters to God because He is love. One area that each of us needs to improve is our love for one another.

“Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law.” Romans 13:8

B. In this series, you will you will learn how to pump up the love volume in your life!

June 30 What Matters Most

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C. **Text:** I Corinthians 13:6 (Pew Bible/Pg. 179/New Test.)

Love is what matters most to God. If you don't live a life of love...

- Nothing you **say** will matter (13:1)
- Nothing you **know** will matter (13:2a)
- Nothing you **believe** will matter (13:2b)
- Nothing you **give** will matter (13:3a)
- Nothing you **sacrifice** will matter (13:3b)

The Bible is clear that love is the **supreme** value of life. (vs 8-13)

“And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.” I Corinthians 13:13

HOW TO BE A TRUTHFUL PERSON

I. **THINK** TRUTHFULLY

A. Focus your **mind** on true thoughts.

“Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.” Philippians 4:8

Sow a thought, reap an act;
Sow an act, reap a habit;
Sow a habit, reap a character;
Sow a character, reap a destiny.

B. Study the **Bible** each day.

“31 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. 32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” John 8:31-32

C. Remember that truthfulness is a lot **more** valuable than being rich.

“Better is the poor who walks in his integrity Than one perverse in his ways, though he be rich.” Proverbs 28:6

II. **SPEAK** TRUTHFULLY

A. God wants you to **lovingly** tell the truth.

“but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—” Ephesians 4:15

B. You are to avoid lying by **always** telling the truth.

“Therefore, putting away lying, “Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,” for we are members of one another.” Ephesians 4:25

1. Recognize the **father** of lies.

“You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.” John 8:44

“Lying lips are an abomination to the LORD, But those who deal truthfully are His delight.” Proverbs 12:22

2. Recognize the **foolishness** of lying.

“The wisdom of the prudent is to understand his way, But the folly of fools is deceit.” Proverbs 14:8

- Lying demands **memory**.
- Lying damages **character**.
- Lying destroys **success**.
- Lying devastates **relationships**.

3. Recognize the **fate** of liars.

“He that walketh uprightly walketh surely: but he that perverteth his ways shall be known.” Proverbs 10:9

C. **Admit** when you are wrong.

“Confess your trespasses to one another,...” James 5:16a

“To keep your marriage brimming with love in the loving cup, when you are wrong, admit it and when you are right, shut up.” —Ogden Nash