



“HATE WISELY” (PROVERBS 6:16-19)

HOMEWORK

Week Six



Welcome to week 6! You may have thought we were done talking about lying, but you thought wrong! I think God really, really, really, hates any form of deceit. It's just too contrary to His nature and so the opposite of what He desires to see in His kids! I pray that you are challenged this week in an even deeper way. I know I was.

1. How would you explain the difference between “lying” and “being a false witness who speaks lies?”
2. Have you ever had someone twist or misrepresent the truth concerning you? What were the consequences? Any permanent damage, so to speak?
3. I have to ask. Have you ever bore false testimony against someone for any reason? How can you make it right? What should you do?
4. What are some possible motives for sharing “false testimony” against others?

5. Read the following verses and share your thoughts on each:

a. Exodus 23:1-9

b. Psalm 27:11-14

c. Proverbs 14:5

d. Proverbs 25:18

6. Are you guilty of sharing information with others or on social media before you “fact check” it? What changes do you need to make?

7. As believers, we are called to be “trustworthy.” Read Psalm 15:1-5. David shares some character traits that should be seen in our character. How do they relate to being “trustworthy?”

8. How do you think we earn the reputation of being “trustworthy?” List some character traits, qualities, and habits of a “trustworthy” person.

9. How do we “stay” trustworthy?

10. Someone once said that they don’t believe in words or actions, but in “patterns.” What do you think they meant?

11. How do you think patterns of authenticity and transparency develop trustworthiness in a person?

12. A trustworthy person is one who acknowledges both their strengths and weaknesses. Why do you think that is?

13. It’s also been said that when people are quick to offer an apology and own their mistakes, they are seen as more trustworthy. Why is that?

14. Here is a list of some characteristics of a trustworthy person. Many of them you probably have already discussed. After reading them, do you struggle in any of these areas? Ask the Holy Spirit and see what He shows you! Reliability, consistency, honesty, promise keeping, confidence keeping, respectful of others, grateful, caring, transparent, having integrity, and being kind.

15. How do you think “being kind” builds trust?

16. As a believer, why is being trustworthy such an important thing? How does our reputation affect God’s reputation, both positively and negatively?

17. Have you broken someone’s trust recently? What can and should you do about it?

18. What was your biggest “take-away” from this week’s lesson?

19. What did you learn about God by knowing He hates a “false witness”? How are truth and justice like two-sides of the same coin?

CHALLENGE QUESTION: Name some of the biggest lessons you learned from the book “Hinds Feet on High Places” by Hannah Hurnard, if you’ve read it.

“If you didn’t hear it with your own ears or see it with your own eyes, then don’t invent it with your small mind and share it with your big mouth.” (I love this!)