

# *To tell the truth or keep the fish?* ☆

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## REALife Application

*Honesty is: Free from fraud or deception.*

**BIBLICAL EXAMPLE: Kissing Someone**

**Prov. 24:26**

Why Kissing?

A Kiss of Affection

A Kiss of Allegiance

### **APPLICATION:**

1. Speak to reflect reality, not raise my position.
2. Seek truth even if it hurts, knowing the truth liberates those who will be taught by it.
3. See honesty as a means to honor God, Others, and Myself.

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or REALife Group.

1. Look up the words “honest,” and “integrity” in the concordance of your Bible. Pick 5-7 references and look at how the word is used. What do you see?
2. Define honesty. What is the relationship of honesty to truth? Can you identify places in the Bible where God is characterized by truth and Satan is characterized by lying.
3. Give a list of cultural reasons people have for being “less than honest.” How does dishonesty affect relationships? Can John 8:32 be applied to human relationships? How is honesty a measure of your relationship with another?
4. What are some practical ways to teach honesty to a child? Do you agree or disagree with this statement: “When a teenager lies to his parents, it reveals a weak relationship between the parent and the teen.” How should parent respond to a lying teenager?



### **Memory Verse**

An honest answer is like a kiss on the lips. – Proverbs 24:26