

Are you as honest as you think you are?

A couple of weeks ago, someone in the office sparked a discussion about whether most people are generally honest or not. While I agreed that people in western Kansas are likely more honest than people in a lot of places, I think most people are less honest than they think they are.

My coworkers were surprised I would say that. My thinking is that whether or not you consider most people honest depends on how you define "honest."

A later discussion revealed that I am not the only person in our office who thinks that deliberately misleading others is not any more honest than outright lying. But not everyone agreed. How does the Bible define honesty?

Hebrews 13:4 says, "Let marriage be honorable among all, and the marriage bed be without defilement, for God will judge fornicators and adulterers."

Webster's New World College Dictionary gives as one definition of "honorable": "having or showing a sense of right or wrong; characterized by honesty and integrity; upright."

Cheating on your spouse is dishonest. Besides, could you ever get



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away with it without lying or misleading?

Proverbs 6:16-19 says, "There are six things that God does hate; yes, seven are things detestable to his soul: lofty eyes, a false tongue, and hands that are shedding innocent blood, a heart fabricating hurtful schemes, feet that are in a hurry to run to badness, a false witness that launches forth lies, and anyone sending forth contentions among brothers."

Wouldn't misleading others fall under the heading, "a heart fabricating hurtful schemes?"

Ephesians 4:28 says, "Let the stealer steal no more, but rather let him do hard work, doing with his hands what is good work, that he may have something to distribute to someone in need."

The Bible mentions other things that God does not approve of.

you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, anyone who employs divination, a practitioner of magic or anyone who looks for omens or a sorcerer, or one who binds others with a spell or anyone who consults a spirit medium or a professional foreteller of events or anyone who inquires of the dead. For everybody doing these things is something detestable to God."

Psalm 11:5 says, "God himself examines the righteous one as well as the wicked one, and anyone loving violence his soul certainly hates."

1 John 4:20 says, "If anyone makes the statement: 'I love God,' and yet is hating his brother, he is a liar. For he who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot

be loving God, whom he has not seen."

If you consider yourself honest, ask:

- Do I take paper clips, pads of paper, pens or other supplies my company buys to use at home without permission?

- Have I ever had anyone clock me in for hours I wasn't actually at work?

- Do I ever ask anyone to tell someone on the phone I am not at home or in the office when I actually am?

- Do I cheat on my spouse or significant other?

- Do I mislead people, lie or tell half-truths to get out or stay out of trouble or for financial gain?

- Do I pretend to be someone I am not?

Colossians 3:9, 10 says, "Do not be lying to one another. Strip off the old personality with its practices, and clothe yourselves with the new personality, which through accurate knowledge is being made new according to the image of the One who created it."

The ultimate example of honesty

is God, who the Bible says at Titus 1:2 "cannot lie." Though we can't perfectly measure up to His standards, we should do our best.

One thing that will really help is to do as Psalm 97:10 says and "hate what is bad." What we desire and how we feel about things has a lot to do with what we consider honest and where we draw the line between right and wrong. Hating what the Bible says is bad makes us a lot less likely to do those things.

Another thing that can help is to spend time with others who apply Bible principles in their lives.

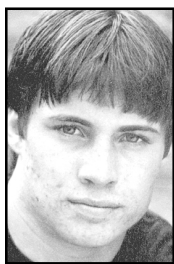
Proverbs 13:20 says, "He that is walking with wise persons will become wise, but he that is having dealings with the stupid ones will fare badly."

If we are struggling to do what is right, we can pray to God for his help. Philippians 4:6, 13 says, "Do not be anxious over anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication along with thanksgiving let your petitions be made known to God. . . . For all things I have the strength by virtue of him who imparts power to me."

Senior receives scholarship

Dexter Deeds, son of Robin and Carol Deeds of Goodland, has received an Elks Legacy Scholarship Award.

The \$1,000 scholarship is given through the Goodland Elks Lodge and the Elks National Foundation to children or grandchildren of Elk members. Over 1,500 applications were received this year by the Elks National Foundation for the 348 one-year \$1,000 awards given nationwide.



Deeds

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Children learn a lot in first four years

The first four years of a child's life are filled with a multitude of learning opportunities. At times, young children seem like sponges

absorbing everything around them. If channeled carefully, these preschool years can develop the pre-reading skills that will assure a successful early school experience. Those children who learn to read well in early elementary school often have greater school success than those children who struggle with reading.

Good reading skills develop from a love of the written word. By reading to children from infancy, you are building a foundation for a love of words and reading.

Newborns will watch a parent's face intently as they are being read to. As the infant gets a little older, he will enjoy seeing the pictures as you read to them.

As the child begins to develop language skills, the fun really begins. Wordless books are a great tool to help the child express his imagination. As the child tells the story, the adult can write the child's words.

The parent then can read the story back to the child in his own words. Repetition is an important element



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of reading to young children. By reading the same story (the child's own or a favorite book) repeatedly, the child can begin to identify certain words and predict the next word. These are skills needed for letter and word recognition and comprehension.

Playing rhyming games help the child to begin to recognize phonetic patterns in words.

Labeling familiar items in the child's room with an index card helps the child relate the spoken word to the written word. Encouraging the child to act out the story or retell the story improves comprehension skills.

Parents and child care providers have an important role in establishing a pattern of good reading habits. A little time now can mean the difference between success in school and failure.

For more ideas about reading readiness for preschoolers, check out these web sites: www.tnpsc.com/parentalk/preschool or www.angelfire.com.

4-H news

The meeting of the Beaver Valley 4-H Club was held Monday, May 9. It was called to order by Leader Janet Arnold due to the absence of the president, Ashley Christians, and the vice president, Eryn Topliff.

Roll call was answered by naming your favorite animal. There were 11 members, two leaders and three adults present.

The minutes were approved as read, and there was one communication from the national 4-H Foundation thanking the club for buying a brick for the state fairgrounds.

Reports of officers were then given. Leader Lori Phillips then told the group the fair theme of "Wheeling Squealing Good Time." It's time for everyone to start thinking of ideas for fair.

For new business, it was brought up that Tammy Freeman was wanting 4-Hers to help put yellow ribbons on trees and poles in honor of Derrick Lutters for his funeral. The club voted to do it and to meet at 6 p.m. at the courthouse

Wed., May 11.

It was also decided to meet at Lori's house on Thursday, May 12, to tape radio talks for the month of May. The meeting then went to the program.

Austin Hernandez led the group in the song, "I'm a Little Teapot." Paige Phillips did a demonstration on foil art, and Andrea Roeder gave a health and safety talk on milk and the benefits of calcium.

The meeting was then recessed for recreation by Shelby Arnold, and she had the club play "Four Corners." The meeting was then called back to order, and announcements were read. Then the meeting was adjourned by saying the 4-H motto to make the best better.

Submitted by Club Reporter Paige Phillips.

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at Fort Hays State University
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* Registration due May 25
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Pastor: Rev. Steve Rains
Fourth & College • 899-3605
Sunday: Sunday School: 9:15 am
Morning Service: 10:30 am
Small Group Ministries
Wednesday: Prayer and Worship: 7:00 p.m.
Youth @ the Rock House: 7:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Pastor: Father Norbert Dlabal
307 W. 13th • 890-7205
Sacrament of Reconciliation:
4:30-5 pm Saturday or by appointment
Mass Schedule:
Saturday: 6 pm, **Sunday:** 10:30 am
Spanish Mass:
Sunday: 4 pm

Sonrise Christian Church

Ninth & Caldwell • 899-5398
Minister:
Youth Minister:
Sunday: Worship Service: 9:30 am
Sunday School: 10:45 am
Wednesday:
Junior/Senior High Meeting: 7 pm
Adult & Children's Classes: 7 pm

Word of Life Foursquare Church

10th & Clark • 899-5250
Pastor: John Coumerilh
Service Schedule:
Sunday: Worship Celebration
and Kids' Church: 10:30 am
First Wednesday: K.W.A.M.!
Grades 1 through 5: 7 p.m.

Pleasant Home Church

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Rt. 1, Box 180 • 694-2807 • 3190 Road 70
Pastor: Charlie Busch
694-2242
Sunday: Worship Service: 9 am
Sunday School: 10 am
Evening Service: 6 pm

Bible Baptist Church

Pastor: Glenn Hermanson
Fifth & Broadway
890-7368
Sunday: Sunday School: 9 am
Morning Service: 10 am
Evening Service: 6:30 pm
Wednesday: Evening Bible Study: 7 pm

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

1200 15th Street • Burlington, CO
(719) 346-7984
Sacrament Meeting: 10 am
Sunday School: 11:15 am
Priesthood/Relief Society: 12 am

Iglesia Del Dios Vivo

La Luz Del Mundo
Spanish Speaking Church
Minister: Esteban Ortiz B.
1601 Texas • 899-5275
Daily Prayer: Sunday thru
Saturday: 5 am & 6 pm
Sunday: Sunday School: 10 am

United Methodist Church

Brewster:
Pastor:
Worship Service: 10:45 am CST
Sunday School: 9:45 am CST
Winona:
Minister: Rev. Bob Winters
Worship Service: 9 am CST
Sunday School: 10:15 am CST

First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)
Pastor: John Park Winkler
Eighth & Arcade • 890-5233
Sunday: Worship Service: 10:30 am
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.
Activities: Junior High & High School Youth Groups,
Adult Bible Study, Choir, Men's and Women's Groups,
Devotions Study, Monthly Fellowship
Special Notice: Handicap Accessible, Hearing
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Nurseries Available

Kanorado United Methodist Church

Pastor: Leonard Cox
399-2468
Sunday: Sunday School: 9 am
Worship Service: 10:15 am

Church of the Nazarene

Pastor: Bob Willis
Third & Caldwell
899-2080 or 899-3797
Sunday: Sunday School: 9:45 am
Worship Service: 10:50 am
Evening Service: 6 pm
Wednesday: Evening Service: 7 pm

First United Methodist Church

1116 Sherman
899-3631
Pastor: Rev. Janet Hernandez
Saturday: Informal Worship: 5:30 pm
Sunday: Sunday School: 9:15 am
Worship Service: 10:30 am

Goodland Bible Church

109 Willow Road • 899-6400
Pastor: Chad DeJong
Sunday: Sunday School: 9:30 am
Morning Worship: 10:45 am
Evening Worship: 6 pm
Wednesday: AWANA (Winter)
and prayer: 7 p.m.

First Baptist Church

Pastor: John Meckling
Fifth & Center • 890-3450
Sunday: Sunday School for all ages:
9:15 am (Child care provided)
Morning Worship: 10:30 am
Wednesday: Bible study 7 p.m.
Call church for information
Thursday: Bible study 9:30 a.m.
Wheatridge Center

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

13th & Center
Church 890-2115 or Rectory 890-6969
Priest: Father Hal Lycett
Holy Eucharist: 10:00 a.m. Sunday
10:00 a.m. Thursday
Morning Prayer: 8:00 a.m. Wed. - Sun.
For emergencies Wed. - Sun. 890-6969
Sr. Warden for emergencies
Mon. and Tues. 890-3320

Grace Fellowship Church

104 E. Hwy 24 • 890-6423
Pastor:
Sunday: Sunday School: 10 am
Worship Service: 11 am

Seventh Day Adventist Church

1160 Cattletrail
Pastor: Jim Martin
Saturday: Sabbath School: 9:30 am
Worship Service: 11 am

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

13th & Sherman • 890-6161
Pastor: Scott Grimshaw
Sunday: Christian education/fellowship:
10:15 a.m.
Worship Service: 9 am
Wednesday: Confirmation: 6 pm

Church of Christ

401 Caldwell
890-6185
Sunday: Bible Study: 9:45 am
Worship Service: 10:45 am
Wednesday: Bible Study: 7 pm

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