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Religion vs Spirituality
Honorable People Are Honest People
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Matthew 5:31 - 37

Stop looking for loopholes .

Mal 2:16 Eph 2:25-32

Consider the fall out.

Deut 25:15

Be believable

Lu 16:10 John 8:43-45

Read Matthew 5:31-37

In this passage, divorce is talked about. How does this passage mesh with grace, mercy, forgiveness and honor?

Have you or someone you know been looked down on because of divorce? What was the end result of this action? Should we not honor all people, even those who have made choices that we may not agree with?

This passage goes on to talk about letting our yes be yes and our no be no. Why does God want us to be so black and white in such a grey society? Take a moment and self-examine your yes's and no's. Take notes of any areas of potential improvement. Let's work hard at honoring people and God by letting our yes be yes and our no be no.

Pastor Rick made mention of loopholes. What comes to mind when you hear this word?

We all find ourselves looking for a loophole from time to time. Why do we do this? Do loopholes ever honor God?

Food for thought...a synonym for the word loop is noose.

Read James 1:2-4

How does this passage relate to loopholes and what can we take away from this passage that will help us avoid looking for them?

In a Google search of happiness, there were 1,410,000,000 results in (0.44 seconds). Why does the topic of being happy draw so much attention these days?

There are times when people will do just about anything to have the feeling of happiness. People will even break their word and choose dishonesty to be happy.

Read Ecclesiastes 5:4 After reading this passage, is a vow the same thing as your word? Why or why not?

The theme today was *Honorable people are honest people.*

What does the word honorable mean to you?

What does the word honest mean to you?

Read 2 Corinthians 8:21

Why is it important for followers of Christ to model honor and honesty?

Honesty and keeping your word go hand in hand. What are some thoughts that we can have in place that will help us to always remember this important fact?

As a noun, honor in the Bible means "esteem, value, or great respect." To honor someone is to value him highly or bestow value upon him. In the upcoming weeks, look for ways to value people and help them to feel the value God has placed on them. Remember, God has placed great value on you!

Wrap up: Titus 2:7 In everything set them an example by doing what is good.