

The Importance of Being Honest

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The Proverbs 27: 5-6

Proverbs is full of smart advice that helps us in life. Today, we're looking at Proverbs 27:5-6, which talks about telling the truth and being caring in our relationships.

Uncovering What It Means:

The verse starts with a tricky idea: "It's better to tell someone the truth than to hide your feelings." This means it's important to be honest and talk openly, even if it's hard. Keeping feelings hidden can cause problems and stop us from getting closer to others.

It also says, "Sometimes, when a friend says something that hurts, they mean well." This means that friends who care about us might say things that are tough to hear because they want us to get better.

But it warns us about "fake kindness from an enemy." This means that some people might act overly nice, but they don't really care about us. We need to be careful of people who are nice to us for the wrong reasons.

How can we use this advice in our lives?

- **Building Real Relationships:** It's important to be honest and open with our friends and family. Talking honestly helps us understand each other better and become closer.
- **Knowing Who Truly Cares:** We should be able to tell who really cares about us. Not everyone who acts nice is a true friend.

The Power of Being Honest:

By following the advice in Proverbs 27:5-6, we can have better relationships. Being honest and caring helps us understand each other and grow together.

What You Can Do: Think about how you talk to the people in your life. Are you being honest and caring?

Try to build real friendships based on honesty and care: Let's remember the wisdom of Proverbs 27:5-6 as we go about our lives, always trying to be honest and kind to each other.

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Box Quotes:

1. The Resurrection gives my life meaning and direction and the opportunity to start over, no matter what my circumstances. **-Robert Flatt**

2. Easter is a time when God turned the inevitability of death into invincibility of life. -

Craig D. Lounsbrough

3. Our old history ends with the Cross; our new history begins with the Resurrection. -

Watchman Nee

Sometimes, I think about the different characters I play in everybody's story. I'm a terrible person in some people's narratives and a Godsend in others. And none of it has anything to do with the person I truly am. The lens that others view you through is coloured by their upbringing, beliefs, and individual experiences. Some people see your bright personality as endearing and others see it as annoying. Some people think you're weak and emotional and others feel safe to be themselves around you. Some people think you're rude and selfish and others respect the way you stand up for yourself. Some people admire the way you take pride in the way you look, and others think you're conceited. And none of it has to do with who you truly are as a person. What you have to understand is that you have no authority over how people view you so never try to control the way others see you because the only thing that truly matters when the dust settles down at the end of the day is what you genuinely see in yourself. -**Manyi Kevin**