

HAPPY FEAST DAYS!



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Keeping the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus Christ





1 Corinthians 5:8 Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened *bread* of sincerity and truth.



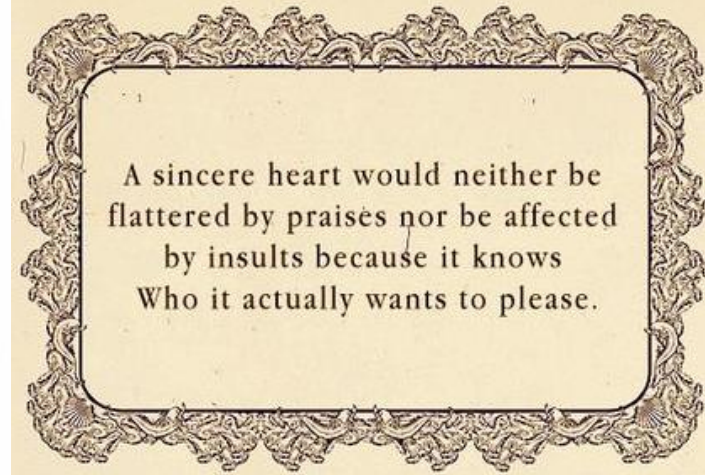
Sincerity that thinks it is the sole possessor of the truth is a deadlier sin than hypocrisy, which knows better.

(Sydney J. Harris)



Sincerity and truth form the basis of every virtue.
Be what thou seemest; live thy creed;
Hold up to earth the torch divine;
Be what thou prayest to be made;
Let the great Master's steps be thine.

(Horatius Bonar)



TRUTH & SINCERITY

TRUTH DEFINED

- 1 *a archaic* : fidelity, constancy
- 1 *b* : sincerity in action, character, and utterance
- 2 *a* : the state of being the case : fact
- 2 *b* : the body of real things, events, and facts : actuality
- 2 *c*: often capitalized : a transcendent fundamental or spiritual reality

OUR GOD IS A GOD OF TRUTH

- **Deuteronomy 32:4** *He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.*
- **Psalms 31:5-6** Into thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, **O LORD God of truth. I have hated them that regard lying vanities:** but I trust in the LORD.

TRUTH: God's Word

John 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: **thy word is truth.**

2 Timothy 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing **the word of truth.**

TRUTH: ITS AVAILABLE

- **Psalms 119:151** Thou *art* near, O LORD; and all **thy commandments *are* truth.**
- **Psalms 111:10** The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom: **a good understanding have all they that do *his commandments***: his praise endureth for ever.
- **Psalms 119:160** **Thy word *is* true** *from* the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments *endureth* for ever.

TRUTH

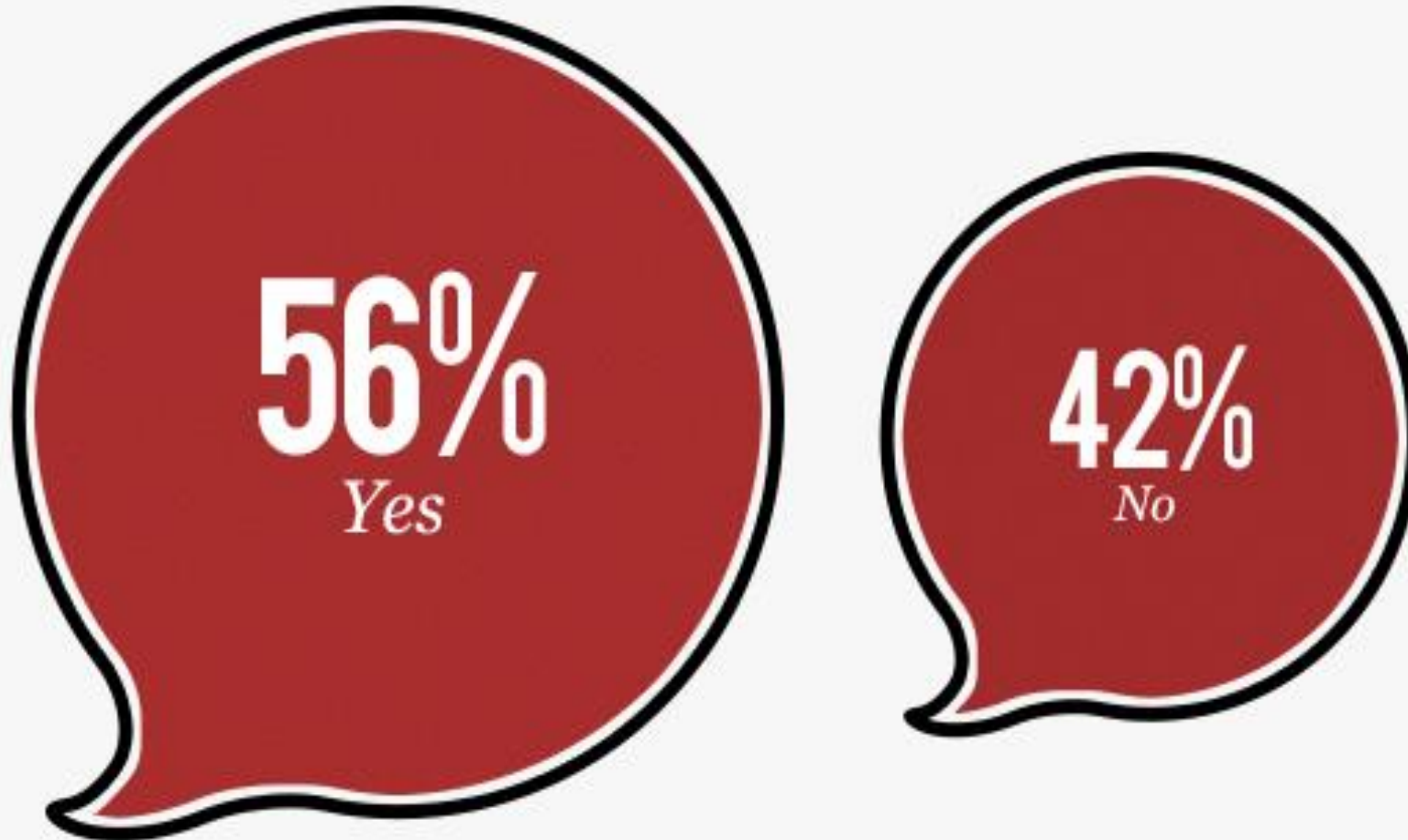
John 7:16-17 Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, **but his that sent me**. If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, **whether it be of God, or *whether* I speak of myself**.

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, **the truth**, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

John 1:17 For the **law** was given by Moses, *but* **grace and truth** came by Jesus Christ.

WHAT IS TRUTH?

Should you always tell the truth?



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WHAT IS TRUTH?

Have you ever preferred to be lied to?

42%
Yes



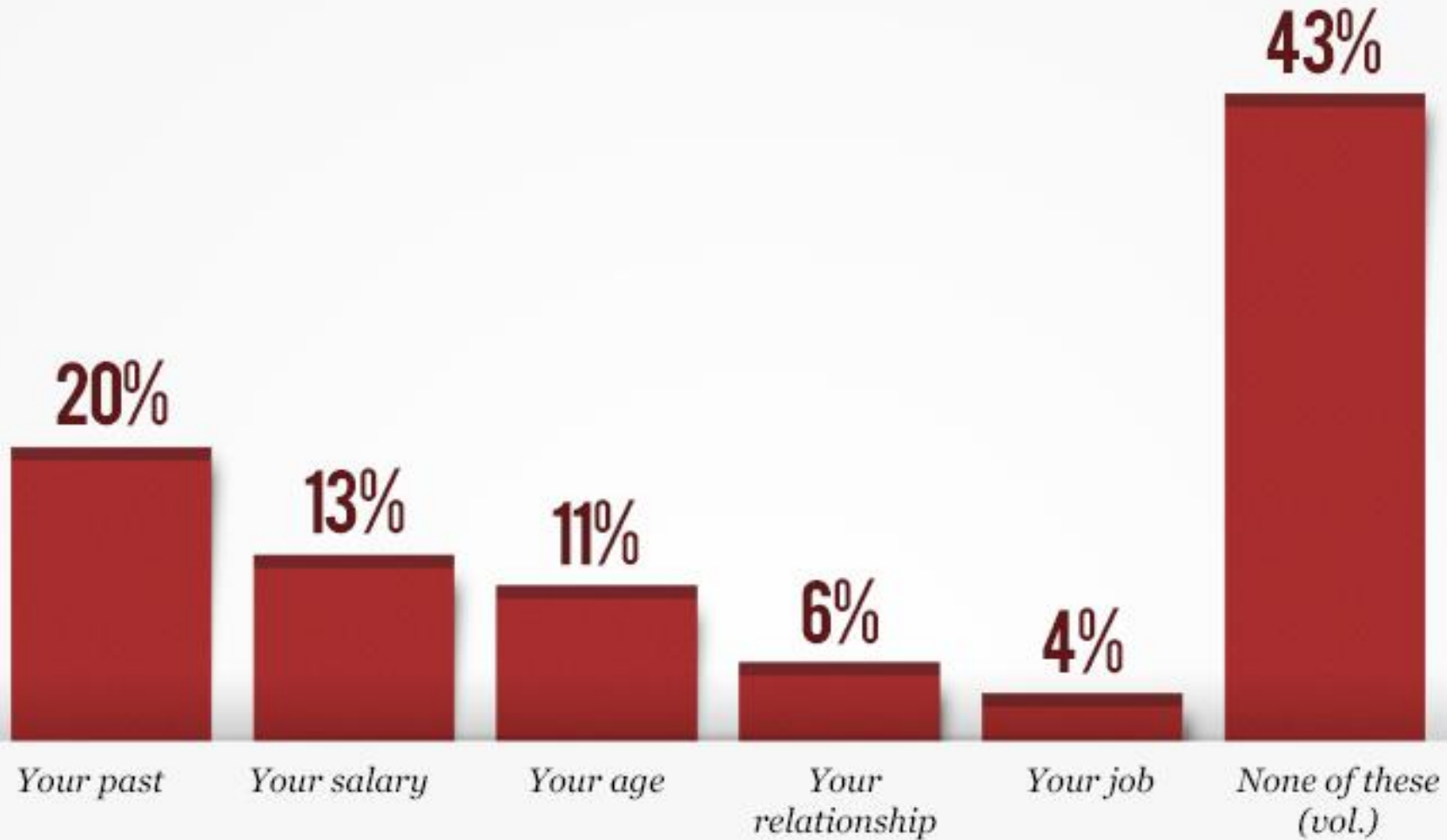
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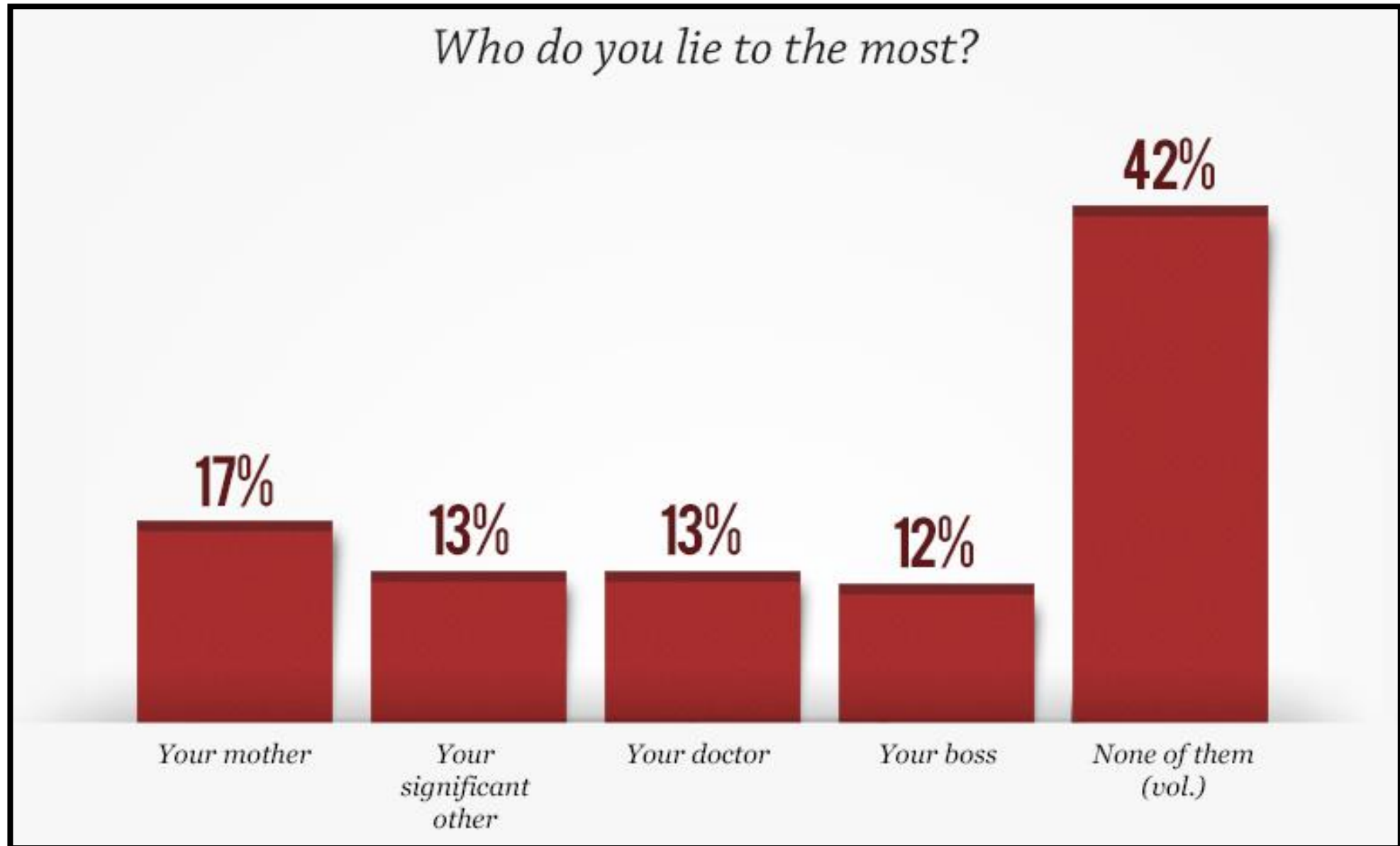
WHAT IS TRUTH?

Which are you most tempted to lie about?



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TRUTH AND CONSEQUENCES

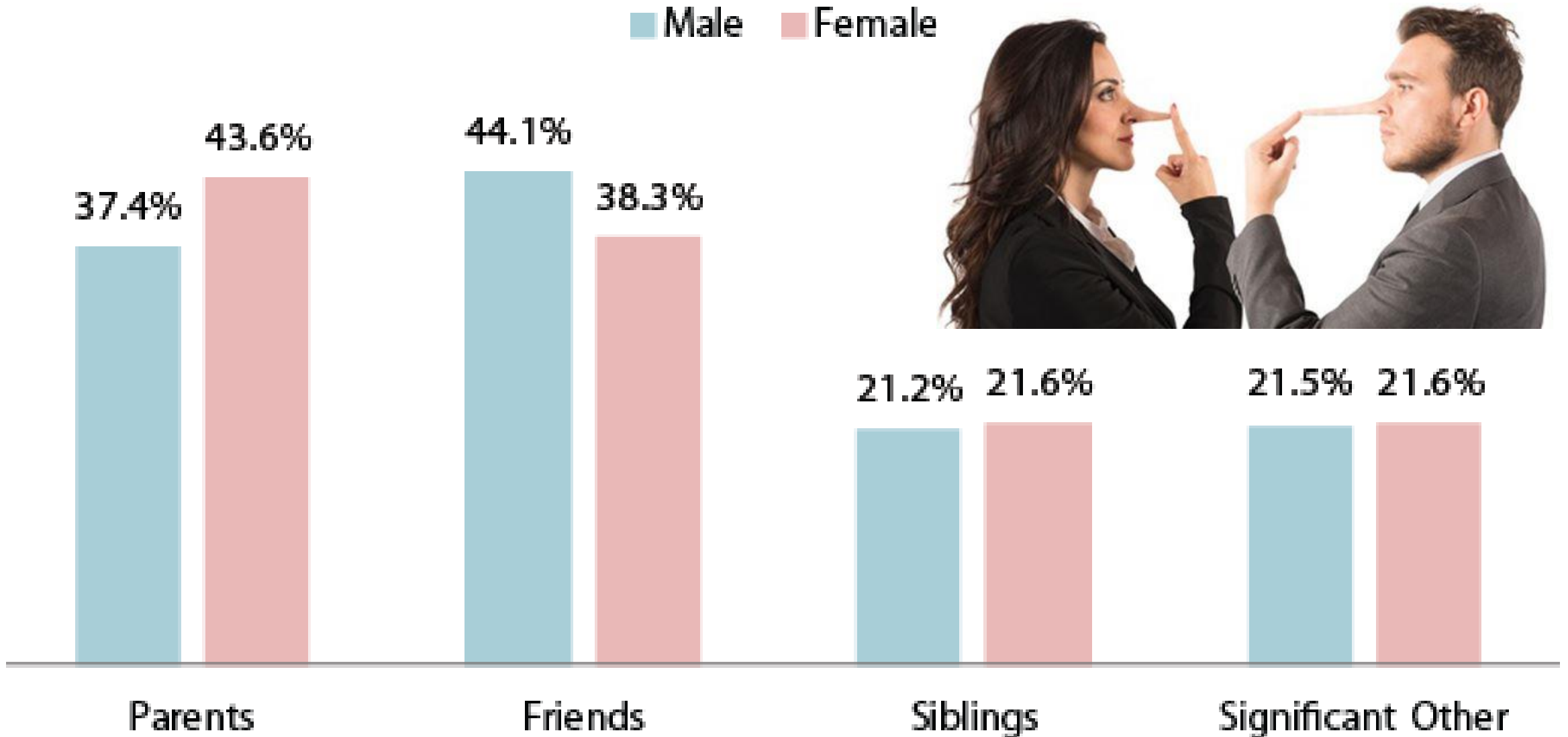
CreditDonkey conducted a online survey of 1,254 Americans, age 18 and over, between August 8 and August 12, 2014.

- **Assuming** most survey respondents were **honest** about their propensity for **falsehoods**, more than three-quarters of the participants in the survey **believe lying is acceptable in some cases**.
- Overall, just 3 percent of those polled said they lie “often,” whereas more than 66 percent of respondents said they are “seldom” or “never” dishonest.
- On the other hand, 90 percent of survey participants think everyone lies, so at any given moment, it may be impossible to know who’s telling the truth.

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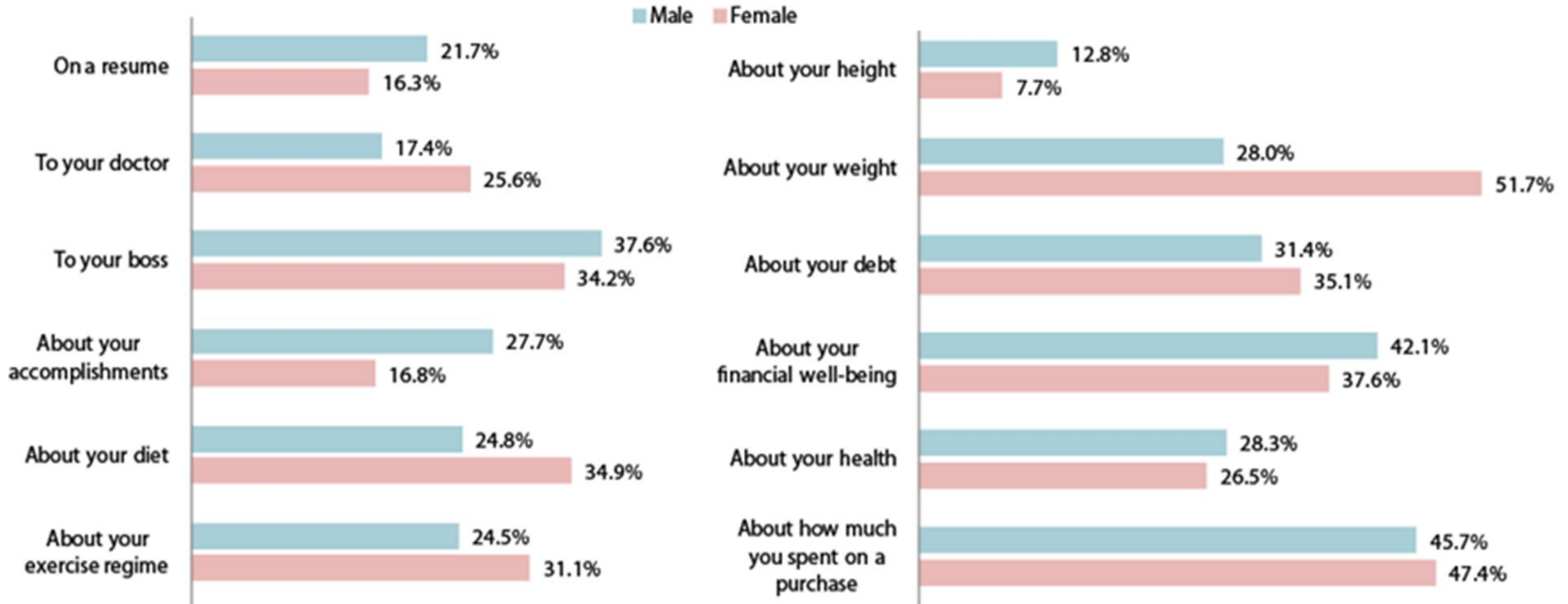
Do you often lie to your

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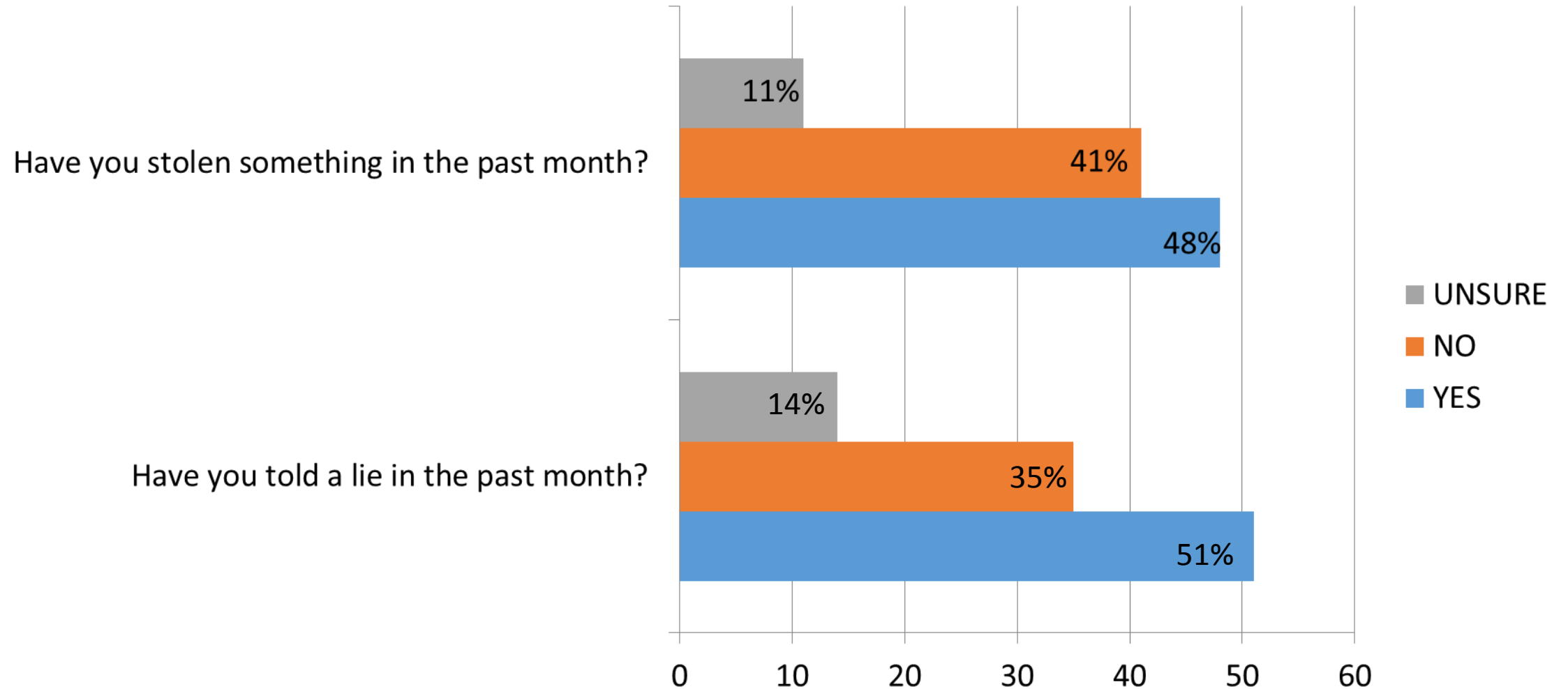
Have you ever lied in any of the following situations?



TRUTH: GOD'S PEOPLE SHOULD LIVE IT

Isaiah 59:1-4 Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But **your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid *his* face from you, that he will not hear. For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; **your lips have spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered perverseness. None calleth for justice, nor *any* pleadeth for truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity.****

TRUTH: GOD'S PEOPLE SHOULD LIVE IT



TRUTH: TAKE HOLD OF IT – PURSUE IT.

Jeremiah 8:5 Why *then* is this people of Jerusalem slidden back by a perpetual backsliding? **they hold fast deceit, they refuse to return.**

Jeremiah 9:3-5 And they bend their tongues *like* their bow *for* lies: but they are **not valiant for the truth** upon the earth; for they proceed from evil to evil, and **they know not me, saith the LORD.** Take ye heed every one of his neighbour, and trust ye not in any brother: for every brother will utterly supplant, and every neighbour will walk with slanders. And they will deceive every one his neighbour, and **will not speak the truth: they have taught their tongue to speak lies, and weary themselves to commit iniquity.**

THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH TO ENABLE US

John 14:14-18 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do *it*. If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; *Even the Spirit of truth*; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

John 15:26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, *even the Spirit of truth*, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

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John 16:13-14 Howbeit when he, **the Spirit of truth**, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, *that* shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew *it* unto you.

1 Peter 1:22-23 Seeing ye have purified your souls in **obeying the truth through the Spirit** unto **unfeigned love** of the brethren, *see that ye* love one another **with a pure heart** fervently: Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of **incorruptible, by the word of God**, which liveth and abideth for ever.

A MAN OF TRUTH FEARS GOD & HATES COVETOUSNESS

Exodus 18:20-22 And thou shalt teach them ordinances and laws, and shalt shew them the way wherein they must walk, and the work that they must do. Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as **fear God**, **men of truth**, **hating covetousness**; and place *such* over them, *to be* rulers of thousands, *and* rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens: And let them judge the people at all seasons: and it shall be, *that* every great matter they shall bring unto thee, but every small matter they shall judge: so shall it be easier for thyself, and they shall bear *the burden* with thee.

TRUTH: ITS POSSIBLE TO CHOOSE AND SPEAK

Psalms 119:30 **I have chosen the way of truth**: thy judgments have I laid *before me*.

Zechariah 8:16 These *are* the things that **ye shall do; Speak ye every man the truth** to his neighbour; **execute the judgment of truth** and peace in your gates:

SINCERITY & TRUTH: WALK YE IN IT

1 Peter 2:1-5 Wherefore laying aside all **malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings**, As newborn babes, desire the **sincere milk of the word**, that ye may grow thereby: If so be ye have tasted that the Lord *is* gracious. To whom coming, *as unto* a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, *and* precious, Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up **spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.**

TRUTH: ITS OUR WALK

2 John 1:4 I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children **walking in truth**, as we have received a **commandment** from the Father.

1 John 2:3-6 And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and **keepeth not his commandments**, is a liar, and **the truth is not in him**. But **whoso keepeth his word**, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. He that saith he abideth in him **ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked**.

TRUTH: ITS REQUIRED

1 John 3:18-21 My little children, **let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.** And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him. For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, *then* have we **confidence toward God.**

Ephesians 5:15-17 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, **but as wise**, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore **be ye not unwise, but understanding** what the will of the Lord *is.*

SINCERITY & TRUTH

Joshua 24:14-15

Now therefore **fear the LORD**, and **serve him in sincerity and in truth**: and **put away the gods** which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD. And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, **choose you this day whom ye will serve**; whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: **but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.**

SINCERITY: IS IT ENOUGH?

- **Proverbs 14:12** There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death.
- **Proverbs 16:25** There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death.

SINCERITY: IS IT ENOUGH?

- **Acts 23:1** And Paul, earnestly beholding the council, said, Men *and* brethren, I have lived **in all good conscience** before God until this day.

SINCERITY

- . Definition of Sincerity
- A. Sincere comes from the Latin word “*sincerus*”
 - 1. *sine* - **without**
 - 2. *cere* – **wax**



SINCERITY

Philippians 1:9-11 And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and *in* all judgment; That ye may approve things that are excellent; **that ye may be sincere** and without offence till the day of Christ; Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.



SINCERITY: IS IT ENOUGH?

- **Acts 26:1-4** Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Thou art permitted to speak for thyself. Then Paul stretched forth the hand, and answered for himself: I think myself happy, king Agrippa, because I shall answer for myself this day before thee touching all the things whereof I am accused of the Jews: Especially *because I know* thee to be expert in all customs and questions which are among the Jews: wherefore I beseech thee to hear me patiently. **My manner of life from my youth, which was at the first among mine own nation at Jerusalem, know all the Jews;**

SINCERITY: IS IT ENOUGH?

- **Acts 26:5-8** Which knew me from the beginning, if they would testify, that **after the most straitest sect of our religion I lived a Pharisee**. And now I stand and am judged for the hope of **the promise made of God** unto our fathers: Unto which *promise* our twelve tribes, instantly serving *God* day and night, hope to come. For which hope's sake, king Agrippa, I am accused of the Jews. **Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you, that God should raise the dead?**

SINCERITY: IS IT ENOUGH?

- **Acts 26:9-12** I verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth. Which thing I also did in Jerusalem: and many of the saints did I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I gave my voice against *them*. And I punished them oft in every synagogue, and compelled *them* to blaspheme; and being exceedingly mad against them, I persecuted *them* even unto strange cities. Whereupon as I went to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests,

SINCERITY: IS IT ENOUGH?

"Sincerity is no test of truth, no evidence of correctness of conduct. You may take poison, sincerely believing it the necessary medicine, but will it save your life?"

SINCERITY: IS IT ENOUGH?

Matthew 7:21-23 **Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven;** but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, **Lord, Lord**, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, **I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.**

SINCERITY: IS IT ENOUGH?

Isaiah 66:1-3 Thus saith the LORD, The heaven *is* my throne, and the earth *is* my footstool: where *is* the house that ye build unto me? and where *is* the place of my rest? For all those *things* hath mine hand made, and all those *things* have been, saith the LORD: **but to this *man* will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.** He that killeth an ox *is as if* he slew a man; he that sacrificeth a lamb, *as if* he cut off a dog's neck; he that offereth an oblation, *as if he offered* swine's blood; he that burneth incense, *as if* he blessed an idol. Yea, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delighteth in their abominations.

SINCERITY: IS IT ENOUGH?

Isaiah 66:4-5 I also will choose their delusions, and will bring their fears upon them; because **when I called, none did answer; when I spake, they did not hear: but they did evil before mine eyes, and chose *that in which I delighted not.*** Hear the word of the LORD, **ye that tremble at his word**; Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my name's sake, said, Let the LORD be glorified: **but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed.**

Sincerity In the Heart

1 Kings 8:61 **Let your heart therefore be perfect with the LORD our God,** to walk in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, as at this day.

2 Chronicles 25:1-2 Amaziah *was* twenty and five years old *when* he began to reign, and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Jehoaddan of Jerusalem. **And he did *that which* was right in the sight of the LORD, but not with a perfect heart.**

Sincerity In the Heart

2 Chronicles 16:9 For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of *them* **whose heart is perfect** toward him. **Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars.**

2 Corinthians 12:9 And he said unto me, My **grace** is sufficient for thee: for **my strength is made perfect in weakness.** Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, **that the power of Christ may rest upon me.**

The Harvest Of Sincerity

“The devil tempts, that he may deceive; but God suffers us to be tempted, to try us. Temptation is a trial of our sincerity.”

Reference: A Puritan Golden Treasury, compiled by I.D.E. Thomas, by permission of Banner of Truth, Carlisle, PA. 2000, p. 295.

1 Peter 4:12-13 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.





HYPOCRISY



hyp·o·crite
(hip'ə krit)
Function: *noun*

Meaning:

1. a person who puts on a false appearance of virtue or religion
2. a person who acts in contradiction to his or her stated beliefs or feelings





Sowing Of Hypocrisy

Matthew 23:11-12 But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant. And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.

Matthew 23:13 But **woe** unto you, scribes and Pharisees, **hypocrites!** for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in *yourselves*, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.



Sowing Of Hypocrisy

Matthew 23:14 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, **hypocrites!** for ye devour widows' houses, and for a **pretence** make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation. **15** Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, **hypocrites!** for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the **child of hell** than yourselves.



Sowing Of Hypocrisy

Matthew 23:16-18 Woe unto you, *ye* blind guides, which say, Whosoever shall swear by the temple, it is nothing; **but** whosoever shall swear by the gold of the temple, he is a debtor!

Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gold, or the temple that sanctifieth the gold? And, Whosoever shall swear by the altar, it is nothing; **but** whosoever sweareth by the gift that is upon it, he is guilty.



Sowing Of Hypocrisy

Matthew 23:19-22 *Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gift, or the altar that sanctifieth the gift? Whoso therefore shall swear by the altar, sweareth by it, and by all things thereon. And whoso shall swear by the temple, sweareth by it, and by him that dwelleth therein. And he that shall swear by heaven, sweareth by the throne of God, and by him that sitteth thereon.*



Sowing Of Hypocrisy

Matthew 23:23-24 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier *matters* of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone. Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel.

Sowing Of Hypocrisy

Matthew 23:25-26 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess. *Thou* blind Pharisee, cleanse first that *which is* within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also.



Sowing Of Hypocrisy

Matthew 23:27-28 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead *men's* bones, and of all uncleanness. **Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.**



Sowing Of Hypocrisy

Matthew 23:29-33 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, **hypocrites**! because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous, And say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets. Wherefore ye be witnesses unto yourselves, that ye are the children of them which killed the prophets. Fill ye up then the measure of your fathers.

Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?





Heart Of Hypocrisy

Matthew 15:7-9 Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, **This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with *their* lips; but their heart is far from me.** But in vain they do worship me, teaching *for* doctrines the commandments of men.



Heart Of Hypocrisy

Matthew 6:1-4 Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven. Therefore when thou doest *thine* alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.



Heart Of Hypocrisy

Matthew 6:5-6 And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites *are*: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, **that they may be seen of men.** Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

Heart Of Hypocrisy

- “It is not the being seen of men that is wrong, but doing these things for **the purpose** of being seen of men. The problem with the hypocrite is his **motivation**. He does **not** want to be holy; he only wants to **seem** to be holy. He is more concerned with **his reputation** for righteousness than about **actually becoming righteous**. The approbation of men matters more to him than the approval of God.” [Augustine]
- “**The hypocrite, certainly, is a secret atheist; for if he did believe there was a God, he durst not be so bold as to deceive Him to His face.**” [Thomas Adams]

Exposing Of Hypocrisy

Luke 12:1-3 In the mean time, when there were gathered together an innumerable multitude of people, insomuch that they trode one upon another, he began to say unto his disciples first of all, **Beware ye of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.** For there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that shall not be known. Therefore whatsoever ye have spoken in darkness shall be heard in the light; and that which ye have spoken in the ear in closets shall be proclaimed upon the housetops.

Exposing Of Hypocrisy

- **Romans 2:16** In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.
- **1 Corinthians 4:5** Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.

Exposing Of Hypocrisy

- **Ecclesiastes 12:14** For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether *it be* good, or whether *it be* evil.
- **2 Corinthians 5:10** For we must **all** appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things *done* in *his* body, according to that he hath done, whether *it be* good or bad.



ILLUSTRATION POINT

After F. E. Marsh **preached the subject of sincerity and truth**, a young Christian man came to him and said, "Pastor, **you have put me in a bad fix**. I've **stolen** from my employer, and I'm **ashamed** to tell him about it. You see, I'm a boat builder, and the man I work for is an **unbeliever**. I have often **talked** to him about Christ, but he only **laughs** at me."






ILLUSTRATION POINT


In my work, expensive copper nails are used because they won't rust in water. I've been **taking some** of them home for a boat I am building in my backyard. I'm **afraid** if I tell my boss what I've done and offer to pay for them, **he'll think I'm a hypocrite**, and I'll **never** be able to reach him for Christ. Yet, my conscience is bothered."





ILLUSTRATION POINT

Later when the man saw the preacher again, he exclaimed, "Pastor, I've settled that matter and I'm so relieved." "What happened when you told your boss?" asked the minister. "Oh, he looked at me intently and said, 'George, I've always thought you were a hypocrite, but now, I'm not so sure. Maybe there's something to your Christianity after all. Any religion that makes a man admit he's been stealing a few copper nails and offer to settle for them must be worth having.'



SINCERE & TRUTHFUL WITNESS

- **2 Corinthians 5:18-21** And all things *are* of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath **given to us the ministry of reconciliation**; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and **hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation**. Now then **we are ambassadors for Christ**, as though God did beseech *you* by us: we pray *you* in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; **that we might be made the righteousness of God in him**.

SINCERE & TRUTHFUL WITNESS

- **1 Corinthians 5:8** Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; **but with the unleavened *bread* of sincerity and truth.**

TRUTH & SINCERITY by Kenneth M. Hoeck



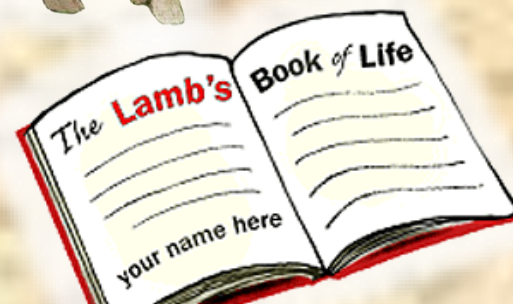
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**TRUTH ON THE
WEB MINISTRIES**

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EPH 6:17 AND TAKE...THE SWORD OF THE
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