

# **A Kiss On The Lips**

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“An honest answer is like a kiss on the lips.” That’s a beautiful picture: an honest answer is like a kiss on the lips. The writer’s subject is an honest answer. He chooses a life-picture his readers will immediately understand and have an emotional response. A kiss on the lips is very pleasant. It’s one of the most precious gifts God has given a husband and wife. A kiss on the lips is wonderful physically, emotionally, socially and mentally. It fulfills so many of the basic needs we have as human beings. A kiss on the lips is a good thing. So is an honest answer. God speaks highly about the importance of honesty.

*Honest scales and balances are from the Lord; all the weights in the bag are of his making. Proverbs 16:11*

*Do not use dishonest standards when measuring length, weight or quantity. Use honest scales and honest weights, an honest ephah and an honest hin. Leviticus 19:35-36*

*Kings take pleasure in honest lips; they value a man who speaks the truth. Proverbs 16:13*

*A truthful witness gives honest testimony, but a false witness tells lies. Proverbs 12:17*

*Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue lasts only a moment. Proverbs 12:19*

Most civilizations have found honesty important to the health of citizens, families and society. Hebrew words for “honest” include *nakoah* , *sedeq*, *mispah*, *munah* . The words carry the idea of being “right.” It’s not always easy to give someone the “right” answer, but it is a good thing to do. The result is like a kiss on the lips. The Chinese word for honesty is *shih* . The character has a string of ten thousand shells or coins placed under a roof. The person living under the roof has a fortune, is an aristocrat and thus a superior and honest person. Greek words for honesty include *dikaios*, *kalos*, *semnos* . The words carry the idea of being “right” and “honorable.”

Honesty is basically the art of telling the truth. That sounds easy enough, but is very hard to do. The idea of honesty has fallen into such disrepair in modern society that some have coined the term “radical honesty” in an attempt to return to the old fashioned idea of Biblical honesty. Honesty is married with telling the truth.

Christ is the Highest Example of Honesty. He “always” told the Truth. We read dozens of times in the Gospels where Christ said: “I tell you the truth...” The truth Jesus shared was not always popular. Christ was murdered because He was honest. “The teachers of the law and the chief priests looked for a way to arrest him immediately, because they knew he had spoken this parable against them.” (Luke 20:19) God honors honesty; He requires honesty.

How do we teach our children and students about honesty? Be a truth teller. Be a model of honesty. Share what God says about honesty and telling the truth. Share examples of people who were honest and the results of their honesty. Present honesty in terms people will understand. It is like a “kiss on the lips!”

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“Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love.” 1 Corinthians 16:13-14