

# *Honesty Really is the Best Policy*

Church with Attitude, Part 3

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1 Timothy 3:15 (CSB)

*...I have written so that you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.*

## **Truth is alive.**

- God is **authentic**: He opens himself to be known personally and genuinely. (Jeremiah 10:10; John 1:14)
- God is **trustworthy**: He speaks honestly and accurately. (Numbers 23:19; Titus 1:2)
- God is **faithful**: He always does what he says he will do. (Isaiah 46:11; 1 Thessalonians 5:23)

## **Truth wielded properly produces trust.**

(2 Thessalonians 2:10, Ephesians 4:20-21)

- When we're open we are **willing** to be known. (1 John 1:5-7)
- When we're honest we speak the truth about God, ourselves, and others. (Ephesians 4:25)
- We do these things with **discretion**, learning what is appropriate and helpful. (Eph. 4:15; Philippians 1:9)

**An honest, open church puts the truth on display.**

## THE HEART ATTITUDES

8. *Put the goals and interests of others above my own.*  
(Philippians 2:3-4, John 13:34-35)
9. *Live an honest, open life before others.*  
(Ephesians 4:25, 1 John 1:7)
10. *Give and receive Scriptural correction.*  
(Hebrews 10:24-25, Hebrews 3:13)
11. *Clear up relationships.*  
(Matthew 5:23-24, Colossians 3:13)
12. *Participate in the ministry.*  
(1 Peter 4:10, Ephesians 4:16)
13. *Support the work financially.*  
(1 Corinthians 16:2, 2 Corinthians 9:6-7)
14. *Follow spiritual leadership within Scriptural limits.*  
(Hebrews 13:17, 1 Peter 5:5-7)

## My Next Step(s)...

- ☐ I will attend/listen to the rest of this series.
- ☐ I will attend an upcoming Neighborhood Party
- ☐ I will buy and read *Life with Attitude*.
- ☐ I will memorize Ephesians 4:25 (CSB)  
*Therefore, putting away lying, speak the truth, each one to his neighbor, because we are members of one another.*