

## **FINANCIAL HONESTY (BUSINESS)**

### **Psalm 37:21**

You can tell a lot about a person's character by the way they handle money. The righteous person gives generously to the needy but the wicked person focuses on himself. The righteous person will consider the welfare of others. The wicked selfishly keep what they borrow.

### **Romans 13:6-8**

A Christian's responsibility to civil authorities is more than obedience (verses 1, 5). It also includes support by paying taxes (Matthew 22:21). Leaders are God's servants (Romans 13:4).

Verse 8: Keep out of debt and owe nothing except to love one another.

### **2 Corinthians 8:20, 21**

Paul took the various churches gifts to its destination: Jerusalem. Paul's motivation was to honor the Lord (Matthew 25:40). He worked to avoid bringing any disrepute on the Lord's name through charges of mismanagement.

### **Deuteronomy 25:13-16**

To be totally honest in business dealing. This theme of honest and dishonest weights and measures is common in the Old Testament. A few other references are:

Proverbs 11:1      Proverbs 16:11      Proverbs 20:10; 23

### **Proverbs 19:22**

Better to be poor than to be a liar (any part of our life – words or actions)

### **Matthew 7:12**

The Golden Rule: should be applied to every area of our lives

### **James 5:12**

Be a trust worthy person.

### **Luke 3:12-14**

Tax collectors among those asking what they should do to show genuine repentance.

1. Share what you have with those who need.
2. Whatever your job, do it well and with fairness.
3. Be content with what you're earning.

### **Psalm 15:5**

God was against the Jews' charging interest or making a profit on loans to needy, fellow Jews (see also Exodus 22:25; Leviticus 25:35-37). Although charging interest on loans to foreigners were allowed: Deuteronomy 23:20

Interest was also allowable for business purposes, as long as it wasn't exorbitant: Proverbs 28:8