

**APPLICATION QUESTIONS**  
Applying this message to everyday life

1. How important is it to you to keep your word? Is it more important to keep your word to others, or for others to keep their word to you?
2. Pastor Fred made five points to become a truthful person. Which of these points do you find most difficult to follow?
3. Is there a promise you have made and not kept? Would you be willing to confess this to your group; asking them for prayer and accountability to go back and fulfill this promise?
4. Spend time in prayer for each other and to ask God to help you obey this command.

*REALationships*  
#577 – *Keep Your Word*  
*Matthew 5:37*

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**Keep Your Word**

All you need to say is simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one. Matthew 5:37

**Understanding the Command**

Real relationships are built on \_\_\_\_\_

Real relationships require people who are so \_\_\_\_\_, dependable and genuine that their words are \_\_\_\_\_ without an \_\_\_\_\_.

**Become a Truthful Person**

1. Keep your word to \_\_\_\_\_ (Eccl 5:4-6)
2. Avoid misleading \_\_\_\_\_ (Ps 32:2)

Hypocrisy is appearing to be on the \_\_\_\_\_ something other than what is true on the \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Be what you \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Cor 3:13)
4. Say what you \_\_\_\_\_ and mean what you \_\_\_\_\_ (Js 5:12)

When we make a promise, we must be absolutely \_\_\_\_\_ that we really \_\_\_\_\_ to do it, and that we \_\_\_\_\_ do it.

5. Let your words be \_\_\_\_\_ (Pr 10:19)

**Start today** – let your \_\_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_\_ and your \_\_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_\_

1. Have you promised a \_\_\_\_\_ and not given it?
2. Have you promised a \_\_\_\_\_ and not made it?
3. Have you made a \_\_\_\_\_ and not kept it?
4. Have you borrowed \_\_\_\_\_ and not returned it?
5. Have you borrowed \_\_\_\_\_ and not repaid it?

## GETTING-TO-KNOW-ME QUESTIONS

Sharing time to get your group started

- A. What is your favorite kind of pie?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- B. Did you ever consider becoming a teacher? What subject would you teach?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- C. GateWay desires that all members have a personal ministry. What do you consider your personal ministry to be?

## LIFE GROUP HOMEWORK

Jot down a brief answer to the following questions

### Quick Review

1. As you reflect on last week's sermon, what one principle or insight stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful or difficult to grasp?

1. Read 1 Kings 3:16-28. How did Solomon determine who was lying and who was telling the truth? If you were in his situation, how would you have potentially made that determination? (In other words, how can you who was lying and who was telling the truth?)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Read Acts 5:1-12. Ananias and Sapphira were swiftly judged for being dishonest. Who did they lie to? In your opinion, (a) was their punishment justified and (b) do you think God would do something like this again? Why or why not?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. What does it mean to you, to "speak the truth in love?" (see Ephesians 4:15)