



## RESTORING HONESTY

*[Satan] was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. (John 8:44b, NIV)*

### STEPS TOWARD RESTORING HONESTY:

1. I take an honest inventory of my truthfulness.
  - Where am I being dishonest?
  - How am I being dishonest?
  - Why am I being dishonest?
2. I make an honest evaluation of my gains and losses. (Proverbs 13:21, 20:7, 23:23a, NIV)
3. I love God and pursue a relationship with Him.
4. I practice honesty.

### GOD BLESSES HONESTY:

...by guarding me. (Proverbs 2:7, NIV)

...by directing me. (Proverbs 11:5a, NIV)

...by sustaining me. (Proverbs 12:19, NIV)

*Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it--he will be blessed in what he does. (James 1:22-25, NIV)*