

## HONESTY

### **Defined:**

Dictionary: (honest): 1. that will not lie, cheat, or steal; trustworthy; truthful...3. being what it seems; genuine...

Eyres: Honesty with other individuals, with institutions, with society, with self. The inner strength and confidence that is bred by exacting truthfulness, trustworthiness, and integrity.

**Examples:** When interviewing persons who have applied for a job, I analyze their answers to determine if they are telling me what they think I want to hear or if they are telling me how they truly feel about something. In most cases, I will suggest that the person who gave the most truthful answers is the one to be hired, even though those answers may not be have been the answers I was looking for.

Why choose that person? Because honesty is a value that affects every aspect of one's life. If the person being interviewed will be honest during the stress of a job interview, then that person will be honest in all facets of the job and life.

### **Types of honesty:**

1. Being truthful to oneself about right and wrong; Not rationalizing that it is okay to do something wrong in certain situations.
2. Being truthful to family, friends, and others we love; i.e., telling them the truth about how we feel about something.
3. Being truthful in all of our other relationships, including paying the correct price for something even when someone makes a mistake in our favor.