

HONESTY AND DISHONESTY / *Proverbs 20:7*

Proverbs tells us plainly that God despises all forms of dishonesty. Not only does God hate dishonesty, but we are told that it works against us—others no longer trust us, and we cannot even enjoy our dishonest gains. It is wiser to be honest because “the godly escape such trouble” (12:13).

Others’ Opinions

Leaders value those who speak honestly	16:13
In the end most people will appreciate truth more than flattery	28:23

Quality of Life

The godly person’s plans are just	12:5
Truthful witnesses do not lie; false witnesses breathe lies.	14:5
Truthful witnesses save lives	14:25
The children of the righteous are blessed	20:7

Short-Term Results

Ill-gotten gain has no lasting value.	10:2
The righteous are rescued from trouble	11:8
The wicked are trapped by their own words	12:13
Fraudulent gain is sweet for a while	20:17

Long-Term Results

Good people are guided by their honesty	11:3
Truth endures	12:19
Riches gained quickly don’t last	20:21
Riches gained dishonestly don’t last.	21:6
The honest are rescued from harm	28:18

God’s Opinion

God delights in honesty	11:1
God delights in those who are truthful	12:22
God despises double standards	20:10
God is pleased when we do what is right and just	21:3