

Take off the mask

 So many times we act one way on the outside, but we're actually different on the inside. Because we have weaknesses, faults and fears things that make us less likable or desirable, we'd rather hide them from other people. So we wear masks. The danger of wearing a mask is that it misrepresents us. What other people see is a lie. Its not who we are or who we were born to be. We can change on the outside, but we cant change who we really are deep down inside.







We need to realize that God Loves us the way we are right now. His love for us will never diminish.

 2nd Corinth 3:18 says so all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord-who is Spiritmakes us more and more like him as we are changed into His glorious image.

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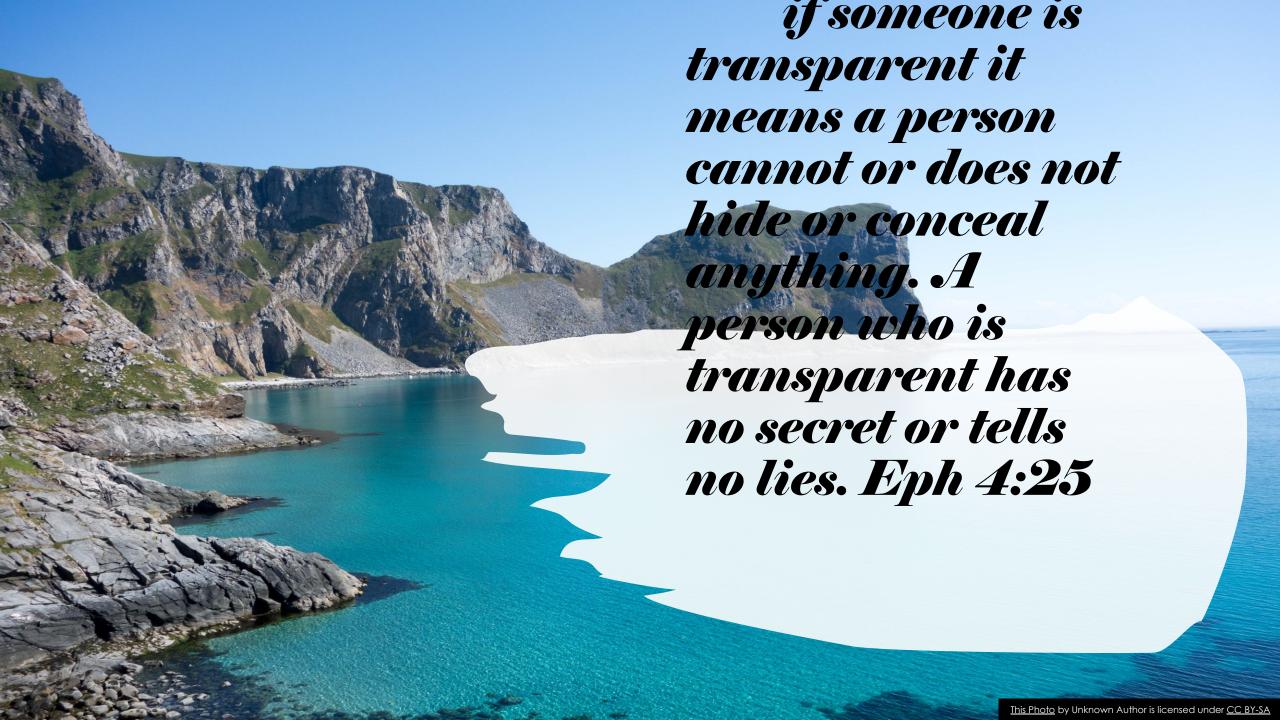
Keeping it real keeping it 100

WHAT COMES TO MIND WHEN SOMEONE UTTERS THESE WORDS?



Transparent-see through, free from deceit, clear, translucent, obvious

- In order to remove the mask/veil we must become truthful/transparent not just within ourselves for personal gain but ultimately with God.
- Psalm 51:6 NKJV
- Behold, you desire truth in the inward parts, and in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom.



Ephesians 4:25

Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body.

Let's be transparent and truthful using wisdom

Being Transparent or truthful with yourself

- How can man be transparent with himself.
- Let's look at James
- James 1:23-25
- New International Version
- 23 Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror 24 and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. 25 But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

How can we be truthful or 100 with God?

- New International Version Hebrews 4:13
- 13 Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.
- This scripture lets us know that HE already knows. It it wise to tell Him.
 - After we confess and repent He doesn't condemn. Romans 8:1- There is therefore no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

A few examples of Bibilcal Transparency

- Who was honest with God? Who removed their mask
- King David- Although he made many, many mistakes he eventually was truthful to God.
- Apostle Paul was very truthful after his miraculous conversion on the Road to Damascus.
- Jesus was transparent when He asked the Father can this cup pass from Me, nevertheless not as I will but as You will. Matt. 26:39
- Let's break down Psalm 51

Psalm 51

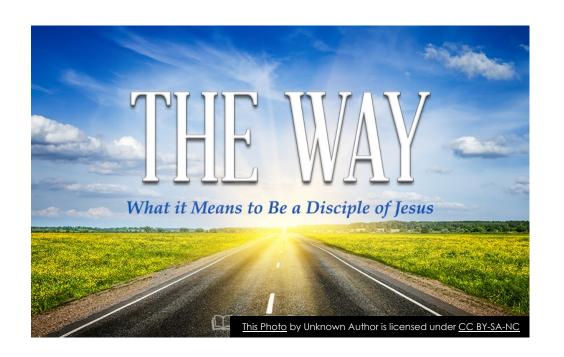
Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. ² Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. ⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge. ⁵ Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. ⁶ Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place. Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. ⁸Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. ⁹ Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. 10 Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. ¹¹ Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. ¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. 13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways, so that sinners will turn back to you. ¹⁴ Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, you who are God my Savior, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness. 15 Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare your praise. ¹⁶ You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. ¹⁷ My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise. 18 May it please you to prosper Zion, to build up the walls of Jerusalem. 19 Then you will delight in the sacrifices of the righteous, in burnt offerings offered whole;

then bulls will be offered on your altar.

The Road to Truth

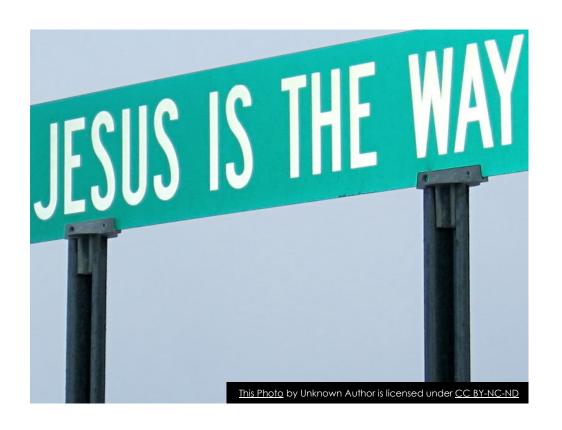
Matthew **7:13-14**

 Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many other enter through it.
But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life and only a few find it.



John 14:6

 Jesus answered, "I am the Way the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me.



The Spirit Of Truth- The Holy Spirit

When you are truly in cooperation with Holy Spirit the mask will be removed

1John 1 4:6

John 16:13