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Honesty and Accountability lead to greatness.

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Text: Proverbs 21:6

This is another important principle to become great as a Christian.

Faithfulness in money matters includes being honest and accountable with what we receive.

We are stewards of God's resources.

If we have not forsaken the idea that the things we have belong to us we cannot be disciples of Jesus Luke 14:33 [33] So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple. Tasteless Salt Is Worthless. That means we should be doing exactly what the Lord wants us to do with things.

It is required in stewards that one be found faithful Corinthians 4:2

[2] Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful..

And part of faithfulness is honesty. "A faithful witness does not lie" (Proverbs 14:5).

Proverbs 21:6

[6] Getting treasures by a lying tongue Is the fleeting fantasy of those who seek death.

God requires us to be honest in all our financial matters.

The treasures gained or money saved by dishonesty will never do us any good.

"Treasures of wickedness profit nothing" (Proverbs 10:2).

The Book of Proverbs alone is filled with statements concerning the importance of honesty in business, in life and in all things. See Proverbs 10:2; 11:1; 12:22; 13:11; 16:8; 20:10; 21:3 for examples.

If we want God's favour on our life we must be honest.

If you are stealing you must repent.

In our handling of money in the Lord's work, we must seek to do what is honourable not only in the Lord's sight, but also in the sight of men.

2 Corinthians 8:20-21

[20] avoiding this: that anyone should blame us in this lavish gift which is administered by us—



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[21]providing honorable things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.

To do this today we must be able to demonstrate it through adequate accounting records that we are not wasting God's money, but that we are putting it exactly to the purposes for which it was given.

If someone gives you N20,000 to buy books that can you with knowledge with, it is dishonest to use that money to buy a pair of shoes with it.

My father in the Lord has over N100,000 credit in his phone and when he was asked how come, he said any amount anybody gives him and the person says "Daddy this is for your recharge card," my father in the Lord will make sure he use the money for recharge card and not for any other thing. That is honesty.

You should make records and if possible always get written receipts for money spent in the Lord's work.

All income and expenses should be on records so that you and others to whom you are accountable can see what you are receiving and where you are spending it.

This will also be necessary many times from the point of view of providing an honest income tax return to the government.

We should give to Caesar what is Caesar's.

Many things we do depend on government services and we should not cheat the government on taxes. (Luke 20:25; Luke 20:25)

[25]And He said to them, "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

Romans 13:6,7).Romans 13:6-7

[6]For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God's ministers attending continually to this very thing.

[7]Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.

It is good practice to be accountable to men. One day we will give account to the Lord from whom no secret is hidden (Luke 19:11-27; Matthew 25:14-30).

Conclusion:

If we are honest in small things we will be honest in large things also. Let us therefore live with a holy respect for God in all our affairs of life and business.