



Our Lady of Peace

'With Christ in our hearts, together we grow'

Twenty-Fifth Week of the Year

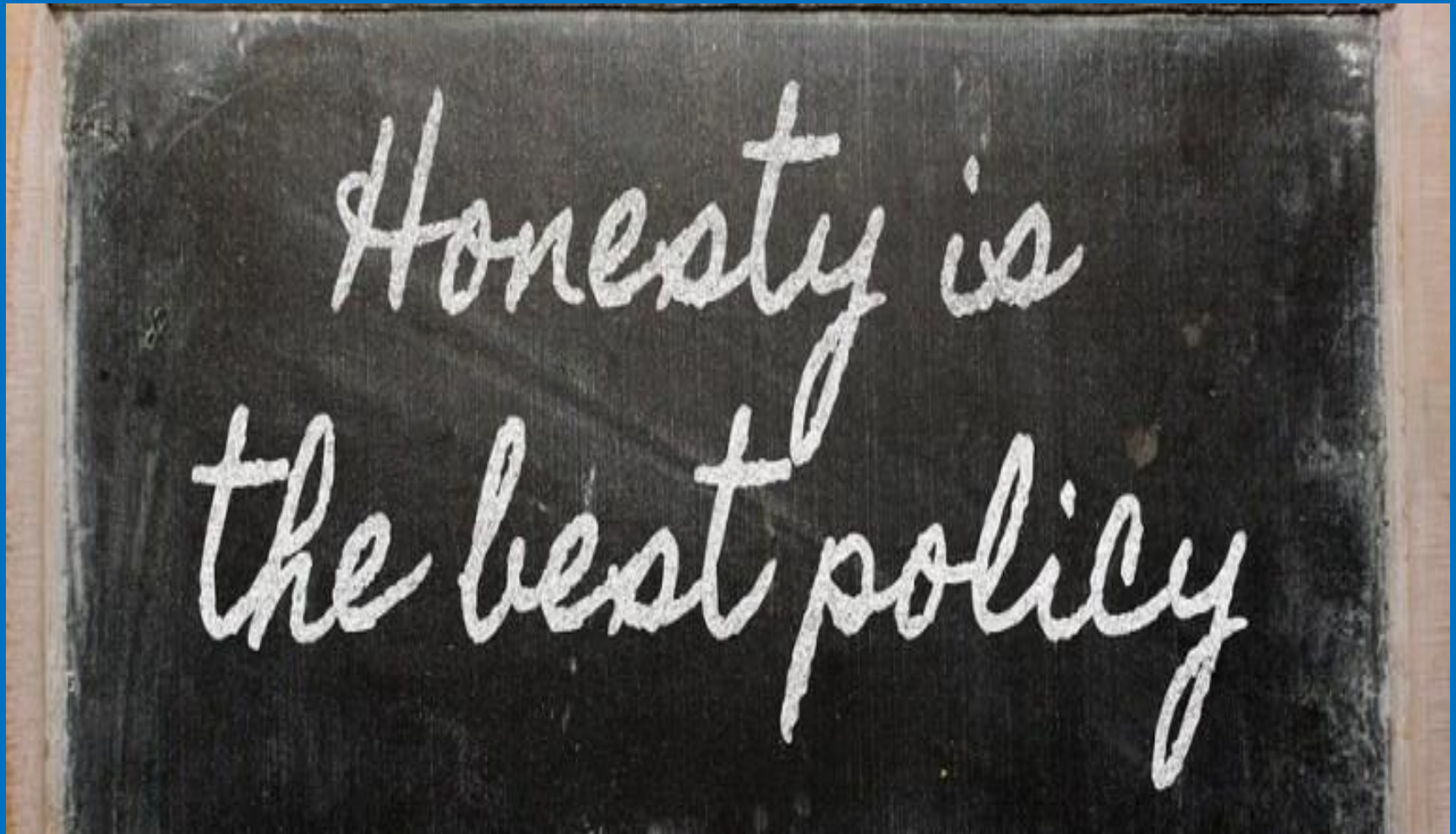
Luke 16: 10-11 Always be honest.

Introduction

Have you ever heard the saying, "Honesty is the best policy"? This means that it is always better to be honest rather than tell lies. If we are honest about the little things in life, we will be honest about everything else too.



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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia Alleluia (all sing) x 3

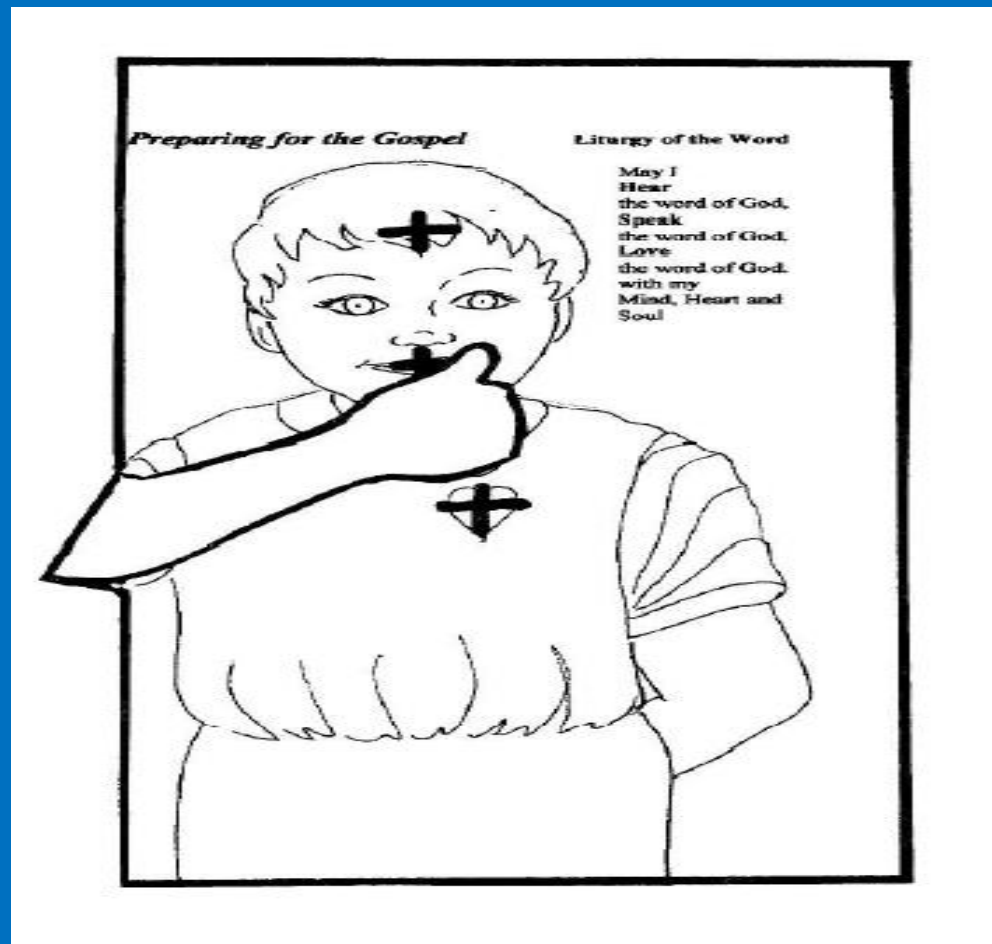
***Your words Lord will guide me closer to
You***

Alleluia! Alleluia Alleluia (all sing) x3

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Response:

Glory to you, O Lord





Luke 16:10-11

Jesus said, 'When a person is honest about the small things in life, then they will be honest about more important things too. If you cannot be trusted with something as unimportant as money, how can you be trusted with the most precious treasure of all.'

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Reflection 1

The Gospel today gives us a very important message 'Honesty is the best policy'. This means that it is always better to be honest rather than tell lies. If we are honest about the little things in life, we will be honest about everything else too.

If you saw someone dropping a pound coin without noticing, what would you do?- You would have to choose between being honest and giving the coin back, or dishonest and keeping the coin yourself. When a person is filled with the spirit of God's goodness, they can be trusted to make the right choice. A good person will always be honest, however great or small the amount of money may be.

Reflection 2

- **Listen to his short story:**
- Peter had been saving his pocket money for a long time and just needed one more pound to afford the football he wanted so much. One day while shopping with his mum, he noticed that an old lady had dropped some money as she struggled to put it in her purse.
- The coin rolled across the floor and lay unnoticed. Peter picked it up and found to his delight that it was a pound, just what he needed!
- **What do you think Peter should do ?**
- Peter took the coin over to the old woman who thanked him for his kindness and honesty. Peter smiled, feeling very good inside.

Reflection 3

- **Question:** Why do you think Peter felt good inside?
- **Answer:** Peter had chosen God's way, by being honest and truthful. His actions had made the old woman very happy and seeing her happiness made him feel good inside. We all know how wonderful we feel when we show someone that we care about them. Peter felt the joy of sharing God's love and knowing that God was pleased with him.

Reflection 4

- **Question:** What is the most precious treasure of all which Jesus trusts us with?
- **Answer:** The most precious treasure of all is the love of our heavenly Father which means more than all our worldly possessions. Money cannot make us happy because true happiness comes from loving God. We are free to live as we choose, because God trusts us to do what we know is right.



Prayer



Closing Prayer

Dear God,

Help us to be truthful and honest with each other and to be guided by your goodness.

God is full of kindness and love and wants to show us all the path we must follow.

In a world where there is so much dishonesty, may our goodness shine out like a light in the darkness to give others hope.

Lead us with patience and understanding and please forgive us if we lose our way.

With Christ in our hearts,

Together we grow.

Amen

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