



Do You Want Me To Be Honest With You?

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Have you ever heard anyone make the above statement? I have, and it always makes me a little uncomfortable. By asking that question, I'm wondering to myself if this person is implying that they sometimes aren't honest with me.

You've heard the phrase, "honesty is the best policy." Evidently though, its been a long time since many Americans have heard it. Either that or they have simply chosen to ignore it. In the national best-seller from a few years ago, Peter Kim and James Patterson found in their book entitled, "The Day America Told The Truth" that 91% of Americans confess to lying regularly.

That's enough to make you a little cynical and untrusting, isn't it? I'd like to know that when I'm dealing with a salesman, lawyer, banker, or a preacher for that matter, that they are telling me the truth. This is the kind of society God had in mind for us. The apostle Paul said to "put away all lying and each one speak the truth with his neighbor." For the Christian, honesty is not the best policy, it's the only policy.