

# Message Notes

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**Keys to Communication: Practicing the Principles of Proverbs**  
Pastor Dan Haakenson  
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**Lord Jesus Christ,**  
I need you.

I see, hear and understand now that I am more sinful than I ever before believed, but more loved by you than I ever dared hope. I desperately need the salvation and new life that you accomplished through your perfect life and death on the cross.

I understand that you lived the life that I should be living and you died the death that I deserve. Today, I repent and believe.

I turn away from my sin and self effort,  
and I place complete trust in your finished work on the cross.  
I receive you as my Sovereign Lord and my Savior from sin.  
Save and change me. Amen.

**grace**  
San Luis Obispo

# Message Outline

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- I. Introduction
  - A. The importance of our communication.  
(Prov. 18:21; James 1:26)
  - B. "Key #1 - Tell the truth.
  
- II. The call to Tell the Truth – Three contrasts:
  - A. Telling the Truth is pleasing to the Lord.**  
(Prov. 12:22; also see 11:1)  
**Speaking Lies is detestable to the Lord.**  
(Prov. 6:16-19; 20:10, 23; also see 8:13; 13:5; 17:15)
  
  - B. Telling the Truth is helpful to others.**  
(Prov. 14:25; 27:5-6; also see 23:15-16; 25:12; 31:8-9)  
**Speaking Lies is damaging to others.**  
(Prov. 26:28; 28:23; 26:18-19; also see 15:4; 28:23; 29:5)
  
  - C. Telling the Truth is beneficial for you.**  
(Prov. 16:13; 12:19; 14:5; 28:13; also see 21:28; 24:24-26)  
**Speaking Lies is destructive for you.**  
(Prov. 19:5, 9; also see 20:14, 17)
  
- III. Becoming a person who tells the truth
  - A. Know and rely on the God of truth. (Prov. 30:8; Ps 141:3; Col 3:9-11)
  - B. Know and Practice the Word of truth.
  - C. Support from the community of truth. (See 1 Tim. 3:15)

For more Proverbs on this theme (Tell the Truth) see: 4:24; 6:1-4; 10:18; 12:14,17,20; 13:2; 15:7; 18:20; 19:22, 28; 21:6; 25:14; 26:24

### What's Up with Growth Groups?

Growth Groups are one of the best ways to jump into life at Grace!  
After a great Spring, we are looking forward to Fall Growth Groups,  
but taking a break this summer. We believe that Growth Groups are the  
best way to make a large and growing church feel like a small church.  
Our goal is to have 25 Growth Groups this Fall. Be planning ahead,  
making room in your schedule for a Growth Group this Fall.  
For more information see the Growth Groups brochure  
or contact Pastor Steve.

Questions are provided through the summer for your own personal and  
family use.

## Growth Group Questions

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1. How do you feel when someone else lies to you? (your kids, spouse, boss, etc) Why?
2. Which of the Proverbs most motivate you to tell the truth? What other biblical passages guide you in practicing truth telling?
3. Walk back through the outline from Sunday and share one example from your group for each of these categories. (For example: [1] Describe an example of telling the truth that you knew was pleasing to God; one where a lie was obviously displeasing to Him. [2] Mention an example of telling the truth in a way that was good for others – maybe when someone said a hard thing to you that you needed to hear; and a time when lying was damaging to others. [3] Explain how speaking the truth has been good for you; or lying has been destructive for you, the one telling the lies.)
4. What are some of the scenarios where you are most tempted to not really tell the truth? What do you think would help you in these situations to tell the truth?
5. We do not need to just learn head knowledge from the Proverbs but mainly we need to practice these principles. What can/will you do to *practice* telling the truth? (To say it another way: what application will you make?)
6. Would you (as individuals and as a family) be willing to memorize Proverbs 12:22; Col. 3:9? If so, hold each other accountable to that when you meet next week.