

# Truthfulness

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## **The Holy Quran**

Truthful man and truthful women will have a great reward from Allah. (33:36)

## **The Holy Prophet PBUH**

Truth guides to virtue and virtue guides to Paradise. A person persists in telling the truth till in the sight of Allah he is named truthful. Lying leads to vice and vice leads to Fire; and the person goes on lying till in the sight of Allah he is named a liar. (Bokhari and Muslim)

## **The Promised Messiah AS**

Verily, man cannot become spiritually pure without abandoning falsehood. The wicked worldly men can say that one cannot do without falsehood. This is an absurdity. If one cannot do without truthfulness then, definitely, one cannot do with falsehood either. Alas! These wretched people do not know God and do not realize that one cannot do without the Beneficence of Allah, the Exalted. They believe that the filth of falsehood is their panacea of their difficulties and they worship it. This is the reason the holy Quran has equated falsehood with the filth of idol worship. (Malfoozat, Vol I, page 367)

## **Hazrat Khalifa tul Massih V ABA**

We have been warned repeatedly that we should not use phrases that are vague and may have double meanings during a trial or in any other situation, for the decision to be made in our favor. We must always use straightforward and clear speech to maintain justice and equity and the same standards should be maintained in our transactions, whether they be matters of our own household or dealings with our servants, neighbors or even enemies. (Sermon March 5, 2004)

# Scenario

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Asfar: You told me that your parents were looking for a rishta (match) for you.

Waqas: Yes, they have in fact found a possible match. I hope the girl's family will not be too concerned about the fact that I do not have a full time job. I am still working as a short term contractor at a company.

Asfar: I think everyone these days understands that the economy is tough. You will do fine inshallah.

Waqas: Well, I am not taking any chances. I have decided to not give too many details about my work anyway - it will not be like I am lying or anything.

Asfar: It might not be an out right lie but we should seek to use qawl-e-sadid or the right word especially in the matters of marriage as Huzur spoke about in many sermons. As an Ahmadi you should not try to hide or be vague about the truth. I would encourage you to be open to your future wife and her family. They might even like your quality of truthfulness over your lack of job security. Besides, the girl and her family will find out the truth any way later which may cause friction in your married life when they find out that you concealed the truth.