

Read 2 Corinthians 12:9-10. How can these verses be applied to being authentic?

Do you find it easy or difficult to believe that God really loves you, that you are secure in his love? Why or why not?

In what areas could you be more honest and transparent?

Prayer Requests



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Scripture References

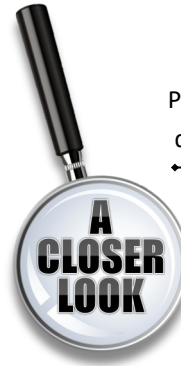
1 Peter 2:1 • Romans 7:14-24
1 John 1:8-10 • Philippians 2:3 • Colossians 3:13
Romans 8:1; 31-34 • Psalm 27 1-3

- 1) Authenticity: To seek a life where our _____ match our _____, free from pretense, hypocrisy or deceit.
Demonstrated by: honesty, integrity and transparency in all aspects of life.
- 2) Before we can be honest and transparent with _____, we have to be honest and transparent with _____.

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- 3) For someone to be a Christian, they must first admit to being a _____.
- 4) Confess = Greek *homologeō*: to be of one _____ with someone else; to speak the same, to agree.
- 5) Authenticity starts with looking at our own hearts and finding the _____ that's in there.
- 6) When we realize how much we need _____, it's much easier to _____ others.
- 7) We have to be honest about our struggles and our _____.
- 8) Our doubts and our failures make us _____, but the one who is healed becomes the healer; your _____ becomes your _____.

Closing thought: As we grow spiritually, we form stronger and healthier relationships with God and with others, giving us the security to be truly authentic.



Small Group Discussion Questions

Please try to think these over and jot down some ideas prior to discussing them at the meeting, it will improve the discussion.

Have you ever known a hypocrite—someone who was living a double life or intentionally deceiving others in an important area of life? Did this person claim to be a Christian? How did that affect those involved?

What do you think of the idea that insecurity is often what keeps us from being authentic?

Read Hebrews 4:15-16. In what way might Jesus have struggled with being authentic? How do these verses help us be honest and transparent?

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