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# EXTREME FAITH

## How Honest are You?

"Honesty always telling the  
truth and living  
out of the truth?"

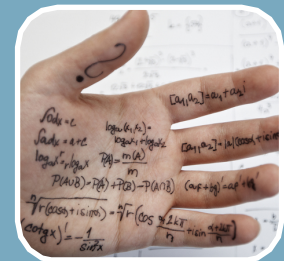


## WHAT'S CHEATING GOT TO DO WITH IT?...

### Have you ever cheated?....

Have you ever cheated? I mean on anything? A test, a quiz, book report? Today cheating well it is not looked so down upon. Why 'cause everyone seems to be finding ways to do it. People are sharing test questions and answers. People are allowing others to copy their work, and well just looking for ways to get around the system. Whoa, doesn't sound so bad when you put it that way, just getting around the system. It's just like when someone gives you music or movies that you have not payed for and you rip them into your computer. It's cheating but others just like to call it file sharing. We all cheat, cause we have all lied. Cheating is just another way to lie, it is not the truth, it is hiding something, it is going around the right way of doing something. So let's talk about cheating and what we are to do about it in our own lives. So when was the last time that you cheated? What did you cheat on? You don't have to shout it out you need only to think about it and ask yourself this question, do you have a cheating problem? If you do, don't get discouraged cause there is help to get you out of the cheating cycle. So here is the question that we need to process, Why do you cheat? You may have never ever cheated it might not be a problem for you. But the question that we need to answer is

why? Why do people cheat? Think about it hard and process this. Do you think people cheat because they are just not happy with what they have, and who they are? I mean if you did not study for a test, and then you were tempted to cheat, you might say that it has nothing to do with who you are and what you have. Really think about it. Other people studied because they have self disciple, and they follow through with what they were suppose to do. Others well they are just smart and they don't need to study. Then the person who is thinking about cheating wants what the others have. Either more self disciple or the ability to just be smart and not have to study. When we don't like who we are and we want to be someone else we spend more time chasing things that will never happen instead of working on us. We need to be who we are and do what it takes for us to succeed in life. Take a look at **Leviticus 19:1 'Do not steal. Do not lie. Do not deceive one another.** We have to stop stealing and lying and deceiving ourselves. We all know that cheating does not pay off cause you will one day get caught. We have to work on character, and know what we need to do so that we will not be put in a place where we will be tempted to cheat.



Cheating! Have you ever

thought about trying this one? Writing the test answers on your hand. I hope not. It is one of those cheating methods that sounds like a good idea at first, but then you realize that it will not work. Cause who's not going to notice all the writing on your hand? How do we get around the temptation to cheat? We have to be who we are. We have to know that if we did not study, if we did not prepare we have to come with our character, and do the best we can. Cheating is lying to yourself and causes us to lose our character. It cheapen's us to become people we are not. Hang on to your character. It is easier to improve a grade than regain your character.

# We have to be Lead by something More!

"Resurrection/Burrito Boy Lyrics " by Paul Wright

## "Resurrection/Burrito Boy Lyrics"

Ressur-ressurection  
I feel your injection in my inner section changing my direction.  
Ressur-ressurector I feel you inject  
your...your life into my body body so everybody body  
let's have a party party and say who-oh  
so everybody body that's in the body  
body let's have a party party and say who-oh. Whoah!

You are God and what you say brings  
me back to life  
today and you are the power in me  
now I walk in victory no more living dead  
I've been resurrected Christ died for my soul  
set me free and now I'm led by a spiritual force  
on a supernatural course no longer chained  
to these sins anymore so take me away  
to these place of revelation celebrating  
your love with no condemnation  
take me away to a place of meditation  
receiving your word as it is my medication.  
Bring me back to life.



This song is featured on  
Sunrise to Sunset album  
by  
Paul Wright



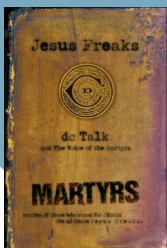
# Real Life Heroes

"A Most Excellent Map"

John Bunyan  
England 166C

"I will let you go, if you promise not to preach" The judge looked down from his bench at John Bunyan, the tinker preacher. "Sir" the Christian replied, "I will stay in prison till the moss grows on my eyelids rather than disobey God!" "Then I hereby sentence you to six years in the Bedford jail." God had given Bunyan a powerful preaching gift and a great ability to touch the hearts of men. Although he wasn't well-educated — he was forced to quit school at an early age to help his father work — he could read. While in prison, Bunyan read two books, the King James Bible and John Foxes Book of Martyrs, and preached to his fellow prisoners. He gained a new awareness of the truth of Scripture and of the presence of Jesus Christ, declaring: "Jesus Christ also was never more real and apparent than now: Here I have seen Him and felt Him indeed." During his imprisonment, he also began to write. He wrote many books and tracts, including the story of his conversion, Grace Abounding to the Chiefest of Sinners. As soon as he was released, Bunyan started preaching again, and within just a few weeks, he was back in jail. Six years later, the King of England suspended the laws against the Nonconformists, and Bunyan was released. By now, he was in great demand as a preacher. He frequently visited London, where he preached to large congregations. Sometimes as many as 1,200 people would attend a service at 7 o'clock on a winter morning. On Sundays, the meeting house could not hold all who wanted to hear him, and hundreds were turned away. After three short years, the King of England changed his mind and began persecuting Nonconformists again. Bunyan was sent to jail for the third time. While in prison, this Jesus Freak began writing a book that helped thousands of believers for centuries to come. Pilgrims Progress, the first novel ever written, is the story of a dream in which Christian journeys from the City of Destruction to the Celestial City. Some have called it "the most excellent map to be found anywhere." Today it continues to be one of the best-known Christian books of all time and has been translated into hundreds of languages. When Chinas Communist government printed Pilgrim's Progress as an example of Western cultural heritage, an initial printing of 200,000 copies was sold out in three days!

He who would valiant be 'gainst all disaster, Let him in constancy follow the Master. There's no discouragement shall make him once relent His first avowed intent to be a pilgrim. Since, Lord, Thou dost defend us with Thy Spirit, We know we at the end shall life inherit. Then fancies flee away! I fear not what men say, I'll labor night and day to be a pilgrim. Hymn by John Bunyan



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from the book  
Jesus Freaks do  
Talk and the  
voice of the  
Martyrs

# CHARACTER

## EXTREME APPLICATION

What is your character? How do you keep it. Know between right and wrong is a part of character, but in application, character is in what you choose. If you have a strong healthy character you will choose what is right. You will choose to follow good direction, even if it is not the best for you. Character is who you are when no one is watching. We must do the right thing by God all the time no matter what. That is the character that we are striving for.

Character living right, no matter what!

## Think About it (What are you known for?)

Our character speaks for us even when we are not around. People who know our character will tell others who we are by what they have experienced when they are with us. You want your character to lead the way, and when it does you will have a solid foundation to act out in your character. Character has been described as who you are when no one else is watching or checking in on you. Who are you when you are all alone, what things do you do, what things do you think about? There is tension in character because we can be one person with one group, another person with other people, and when we are all alone a completely different person. When that happens, well life can get confusing, and we end up feeling lost and alone, because no one really knows us. In the end it is hard for us to know ourselves. The Bible has much to say on this situation. My two favorite verses that help me know who I am suppose to be in character are. Romans 12:1 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. This verse reminds me what is suppose to shape me and form me. Not the world but God and His word in my life. It is easy to be something we are not in this world. But God will help us. The other verse is Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. This verse tells me who I am suppose to be and what tools I have to be that person. This verse says that I can only act out of these actions. Nothing else. Character is under attack, the world would have us sell ourselves short and cheat to become who we want to be instead of doing things God's way. God's way is the best way and it leads us to Him, with the character that He designed us to have. With that character intact we can be who we are everyday with out question!



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Read Leviticus 19:1 'Do not steal. Do not lie. Do not deceive one another.

1. How many people at your school do you think cheat?

- ☐ • No one
- ☐ • Less than half
- ☐ • About half
- ☐ • More than half
- ☐ • Everyone

2. What do you think students at your school cheat on the most? (circle one or more)

Tests and quizzes      Homework      Book reports      Projects

3. Do you agree with this statement?

Cheating pays off.

Why or why not?

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4. Is it cheating? Read each of the following statements and decide if each one is S (serious cheating), B (barely cheating), or N (not really cheating).

- a. \_\_\_\_ Copying off of someone's test paper.
- b. \_\_\_\_ Writing answers on your arm or hand for a test.
- c. \_\_\_\_ Allowing your parent or guardian to do a homework assignment.
- d. \_\_\_\_ Copying someone else's book report from last year.
- e. \_\_\_\_ Letting a friend copy answers from your test.
- f. \_\_\_\_ Telling a friend an answer to a test question.
- g. \_\_\_\_ Letting another student help you on a special project.
- h. \_\_\_\_ Letting someone copy an answer from your homework.
- i. \_\_\_\_ Copying an answer from someone else's homework.
- j. \_\_\_\_ Changing an answer for someone when papers are exchanged for grading purposes.
- k. \_\_\_\_ Asking someone to change an answer for you when papers are exchanged for grading purposes,
- l. \_\_\_\_ Taking information straight off the Internet when you're writing a paper.

5. Choose one of the following verses to rewrite in your own words—how does it apply to cheating?

Leviticus 19:11

Psalms 101:7

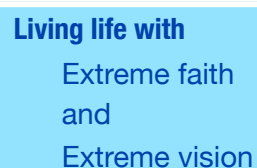
Matthew 16:26

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**Look it over, read the story again, dig into the questions and write out your thoughts...**

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