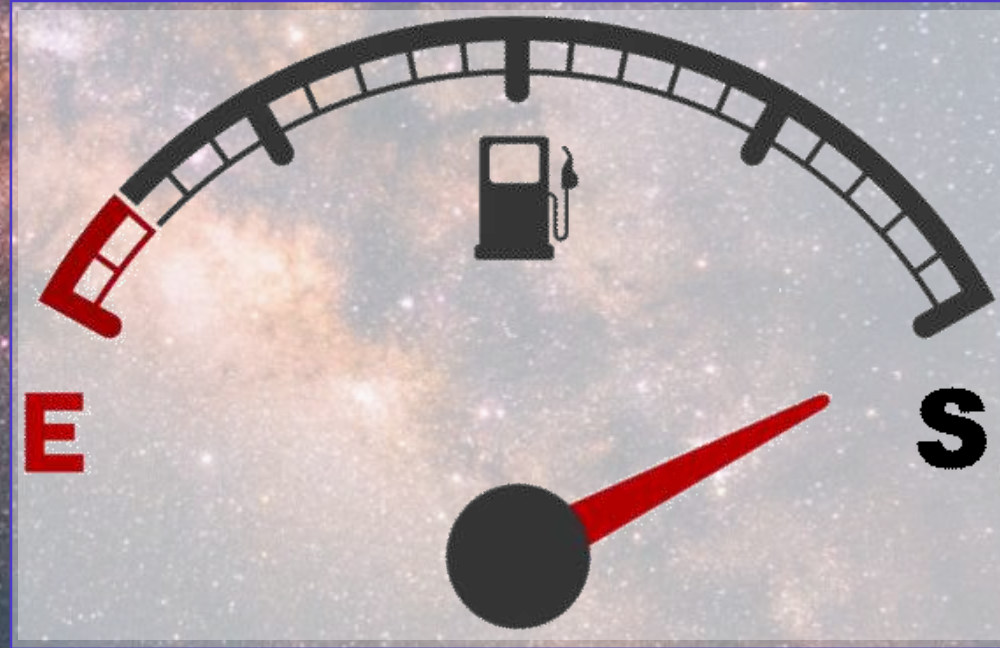
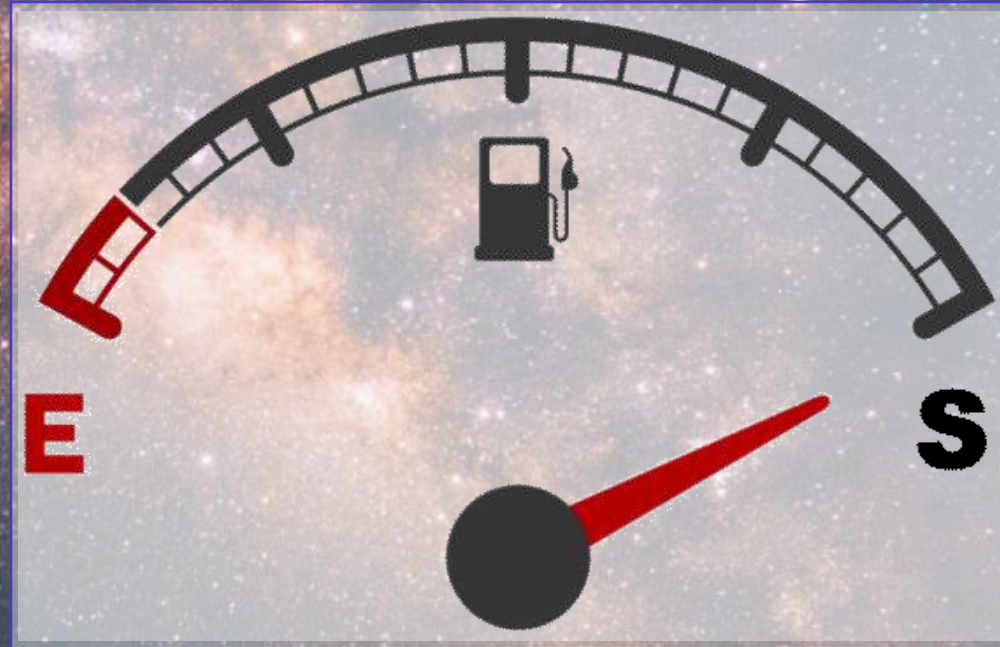


SATISFACTION



Finding the satisfaction in life that Jesus promised

IS YOU IS OR IS YOU AIN'T?



Matthew 5:33-37

“You have also heard that our ancestors were told, ‘You must not break your vows; you must carry out the vows you make to the LORD.’³⁴ But I say, do not make any vows! Do not say, ‘By heaven!’ because heaven is God’s throne.³⁵ And do not say, ‘By the earth!’ because the earth is his footstool. And do not say, ‘By Jerusalem!’ for Jerusalem is the city of the great King.³⁶ Do not even say, ‘By my head!’ for you can’t turn one hair white or black.³⁷ Just say a simple, ‘Yes, I will,’ or ‘No, I won’t.’ Anything beyond this is from the evil one.

- **91% stated they lie on a regular basis**
- **86% said they lie to their parents regularly**
- **69% stated they lie to their spouse consistently**
- **75% said they lie to their friends**
- **50% said they regularly called into work sick but were not sick**

INTEGRITY OF OUR WORDS

Leviticus 19:12

“Do not bring shame on the name of your God by using it to swear falsely. I am the LORD.

Numbers 30:2

A man who makes a vow to the LORD or makes a pledge under oath must never break it. He must do exactly what he said he would do.

Deuteronomy 23:21

“When you make a vow to the LORD your God, be prompt in fulfilling whatever you promised him. For the LORD your God demands that you promptly fulfill all your vows, or you will be guilty of sin.

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INTEGRITY OF OUR WORDS

Ecclesiastes 5:5

**It is better to say nothing than to make a promise
and not keep it.**

INTEGRITY OF OUR HEART

Psalms 15

Who may worship in your sanctuary, LORD? Who may enter your presence on your holy hill?² Those who lead blameless lives and do what is right, speaking the truth from sincere hearts.³ Those who refuse to gossip or harm their neighbors or speak evil of their friends.⁴ Those who despise flagrant sinners, and honor the faithful followers of the LORD, and keep their promises even when it hurts.⁵ Those who lend money without charging interest, and who cannot be bribed to lie about the innocent. Such people will stand firm forever.

INTEGRITY OF OUR HEART

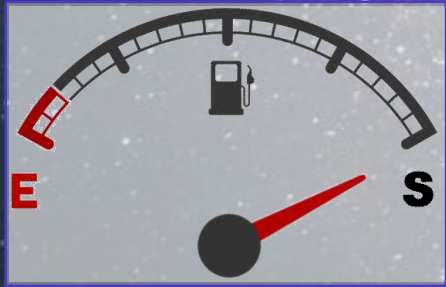
Matthew 23:16-22

“Blind guides! What sorrow awaits you! For you say that it means nothing to swear ‘by God’s Temple,’ but that it is binding to swear ‘by the gold in the Temple.’¹⁷ Blind fools! Which is more important—the gold or the Temple that makes the gold sacred?¹⁸ And you say that to swear ‘by the altar’ is not binding, but to swear ‘by the gifts on the altar’ is binding.¹⁹ How blind! For which is more important—

INTEGRITY OF OUR HEART

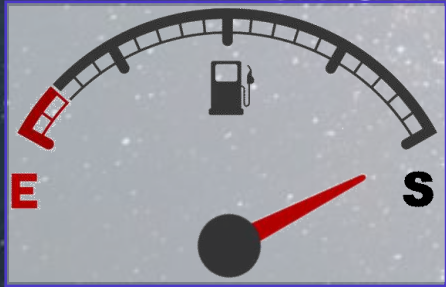
Matthew 23:16-22

–the gift on the altar or the altar that makes the gift sacred? ²⁰ When you swear ‘by the altar,’ you are swearing by it and by everything on it. ²¹ And when you swear ‘by the Temple,’ you are swearing by it and by God, who lives in it. ²² And when you swear ‘by heaven,’ you are swearing by the throne of God and by God, who sits on the throne



**JESUS IS NOT TELLING US TO NEVER
MAKE PROMISES.**





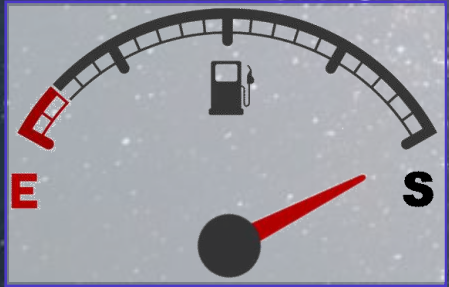
**NO PROMISE IS MEANINGLESS
SOMEBODY IS COUNTING ON YOU.**



INTEGRITY OF OUR HEART

Matthew 5:37

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**WE NEED TO ASK THE HOLY SPIRIT TO
PUT A WATCH ON OUR MOUTHS AND
HELP US CONSIDER THINGS BEFORE
MAKING A PROMISE.**



