

TRUSTWORTHINESS

Many people profess faith in God; but just thinking so has little meaning. There must be some outward expression of one's faith in God.

The demonstration of faith is very simple – trustworthiness. We must always speak the truth so that others will have no doubt about our words. Then, they will associate with us without fear of any kind of trouble, knowing we have a fine and upright character.

It is not really difficult to achieve such a reputation. We should avoid telling lies and committing any dishonest acts, and instead, place the interests of others before our own. By helping them out of their difficulties and showing them unfailing kindness, they'll be made happier by our presence. In this way we will certainly win their love and respect.

To understand this, put yourself in the other position. When we meet such trustworthy individuals, we are drawn to them and feel we can turn to them for advice and help whenever we need to do so. It is only natural that lifelong friendships based on total trust grow through such relationships.

Whenever we help someone else, our kind deeds should be of a lasting, not a temporary, nature. (...)