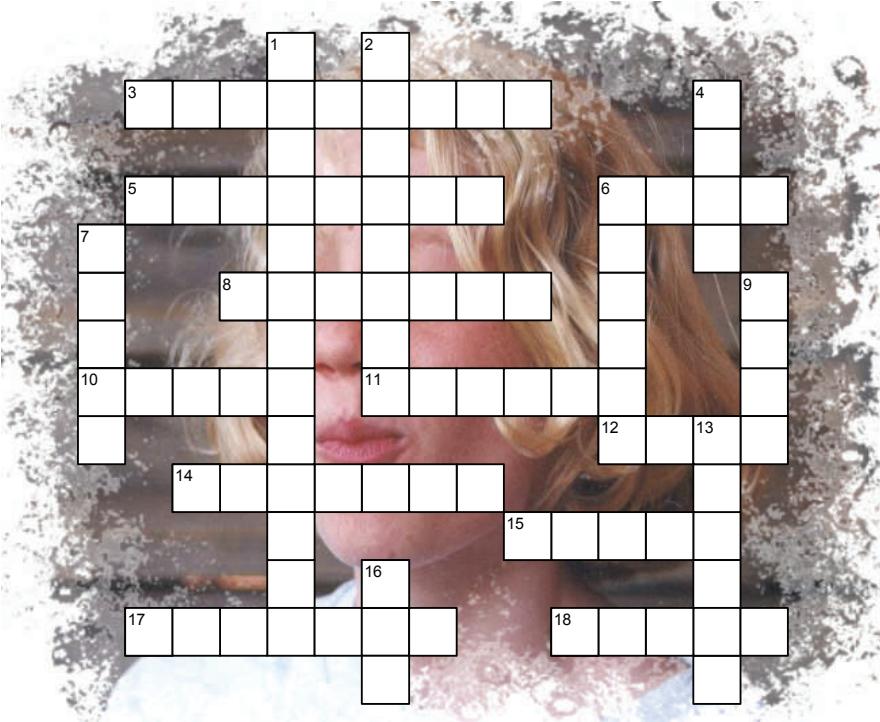


Crossword Puzzle



Across

3. The title of this lesson series.
5. This word means to be "on time".
6. We need to be exact in our time, words and in our _____.
8. A set of scales for weighing things is also called a _____.
10. This week's character trait.
11. A job mostly done is not good _____.
12. We need to be exact in our _____, words, and work.
14. The most basic character trait.
15. We need to be exact in our time, our _____ and work.
17. We must be _____ not to exaggerate.
18. We need to plan ahead and try to be _____.

Down

1. This word means to put things off till later.
2. To be exact, our words must be absolutely _____.
4. The _____ abhors dishonest scales (balances).
7. Don't put things off until _____.
9. A job that is mostly _____ is not good enough.
13. A job that is _____ done is not good enough.
16. To procrastinate is to _____ things off till later.



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Character

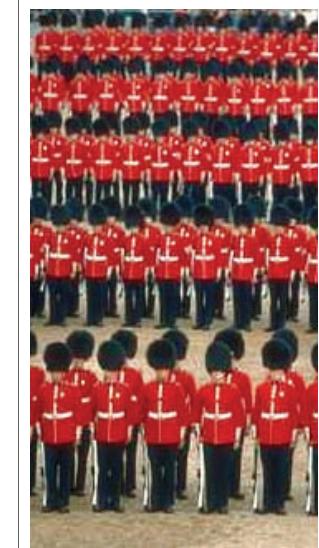
- Lesson Three -

Exact — (Being Absolutely Accurate)

I. Overview.

The most basic area for us to build up in our character is our genuineness, which includes honesty, sincerity and truthfulness.

The next area to build upon genuineness is exactness. It is very rare to find a person who is exact in his character. The degree of exactness we have in our character can be measured by the accuracy of our words, the quality of our work, and whether we are on time to the places we go.



These royal soldiers are very exact in the way that they stand in formation. The lines they stand in are so straight. Their posture is all the same. This a solid element of their character.

A person whose words are accurate is dependable; a person whose work is done with exactness is trustworthy; a person who is on time does not put things off until later.

II. Memory Verse.

"The Lord abhors dishonest scales, but accurate weights are His delight."

(Prov. 11:1)

III. Lesson.

Being Genuine is the Most Basic Character Trait

Being genuine, honest and truthful is the most basic character trait that we should possess in order to be a vessel unto honor. A vessel of honor is one who is useful to the Lord. In our daily life this is the most important area to be watched over; we should never say anything that is not true and genuine. We should never do anything that is false or pretentious.

Christians Should be Exact



This man is an air traffic controller. He simply cannot be careless in his work. He must be on time, he must be totally accurate and do his job completely.

The next area of our character that must be built up is exactness. If we are not exact with respect to time, words, and work, we may cause others to even doubt if we are genuine. They may think that we are not honest, sincere and real.

To be exact is very difficult. It requires us to be absolutely accurate. For this reason most people take the easier way, the lazier way of doing things.

Three Main Areas

There are three main areas in which we need to be exact. First we need to be exact in the matter of time. We should be punctual; on time wherever we go. It is a shame for us to be late to appointments and meetings. The way to be exact with our time is to not procrastinate, that is to not put off things until later. We also need to plan ahead and try to be a little early for all our appointments or meetings.

The second area where we need to be exact is in the matter

of our words. Our words must be accurate. We should be careful not to exaggerate. This means to tell things exactly how they are and not to make things seem bigger than they are.

The third area in which we need to be exact is in our work. If we are not careful in our work, we will not be considered to be trustworthy by others. Some people think it is good enough to do most of a job, but still not completely finish it. This is not being exact. Whenever we have some work to do, we need to finish it completely.

--- Questions for Discussion ---

1. What can we do to help us be on time?

2. Is it good enough to mostly finish a job?

3. What does it mean to exaggerate?

4. What does it mean to procrastinate?

5. In what three main areas do we need to be exact?
