

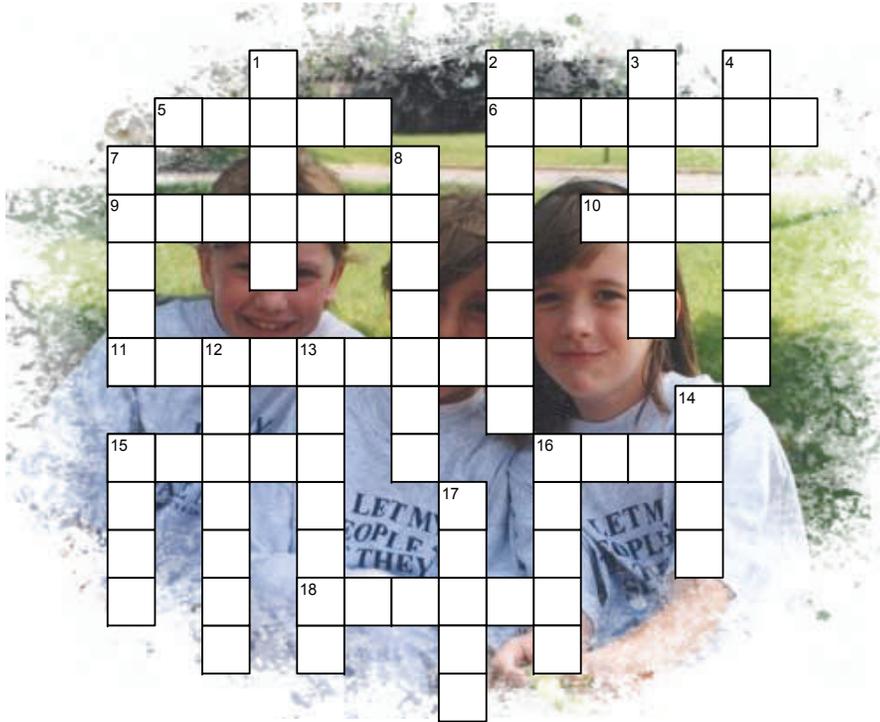
Crossword Puzzle

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Character

- Lesson Two -

Genuine — (Being the Same Within and Without)



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| <p>5. "And the meditation of my _____"</p> <p>6. Everyone that is not genuine will eventually be _____.</p> <p>9. What we really are on the inside is what should show on the _____.</p> <p>10. To be genuine is to be _____.</p> <p>11. A false one.</p> <p>15. Brass will turn your skin this color.</p> <p>16. Not false.</p> <p>18. We need to make the reality of _____ known and believed by other people.</p> | <p>1. Not true.</p> <p>2. We need to make the reality of Christ known and _____ by other people.</p> <p>3. To tell the truth.</p> <p>4. What is real.</p> <p>7. Let the words of my _____...</p> <p>8. Our character trait.</p> <p>12. To make believe.</p> <p>13. Others will judge us by our _____.</p> <p>14. Time will eventually cause what is on the _____ inside to be _____ on the outside.</p> <p>15. A brass ring plated with _____ is not genuine.</p> <p>16. To be honest is to tell the _____.</p> <p>17. Not telling the truth</p> |
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I. Overview.

As Christians, we should be the most genuine people in our character. We should never lie and deceive, but we should be honest and true. In ancient times the stage actors changed roles by changing their masks. By covering up their real face with a mask, they could pretend they were someone they were not. These were called the "hypocrites."



Can you tell if this is a real rose? Man can make silk roses that look almost like a genuine rose. A genuine rose is the real thing.

As God's children, we should not be false or liars; we should not be actors, hypocrites, or pretenders. We must practice to be sincere, honest, truthful; the same within as what we express without. We should be genuine. In this way we will be persons who can make the reality of Christ known and believed by other people.

II. Memory Verse.

"May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer."

(Psa. 19:14)

III. Lesson.

Christians Should Be Genuine

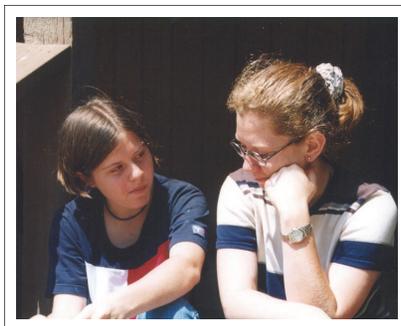
As Christians we should be the most genuine people in our character. On the negative side, we should never be deceiving, dishonest or false. On the positive side we should be genuine, honest, true and real. As Christians, we are testifying to all people that the Lord Jesus is real, that He rose from the dead, and that He lives in us. In order for our testimony to be believed by others, they must see that we are genuine in our faith. They will judge what we are on the inside by what they see on the outside, in our conduct.

Christians Must Not Be Hypocrites

Whenever we cover up the truth in any way, by lying, by pretending, by deceiving, by telling only part of the story, leaving out something that should not be left out, we are not being genuine. We are being untrue, unreal, false, and pre-tentious. We are being a “hypocrite”.

Time Will Tell What is Real

Everything and everyone that is not genuine will eventually be exposed. Time will sooner or later cause what is on the inside to be seen on the outside. The false impression that is on the outside will eventually fall away. People who are not genuine might be liked by a lot of people at first. But later on, when everyone finds



To be genuine is to be honest and open. It is to be real. When you are with someone who is genuine, you feel like you really know how they are. You know that what is on the inside, is just what you see on the outside.

out that they were not being genuine, they will not be respected.

Everything and everyone that is genuine will be proved by time. The passing of time never changes what is genuine. Rather, time only proves its true nature. For example, a gold plated ring that is actually made of cheap brass on the inside will look pretty at first. However as time passes the gold plating will eventually wear off the outside. Then the brass metal inside will cause the skin on your finger to turn green.

As God’s children, we should never be liars. We should not be actors, hypocrites or pretenders. We must practice to be sincere and honest. What we really are on the inside is what should show on the outside. This is to be genuine.

--- Questions for Discussion ---

1. What does it mean to be genuine?

2. What are some examples of not being genuine?

3. Why is being genuine important?

4. Can someone who is not genuine be liked by others ?

