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**An Honest New Year**  
Various Scriptures

**1. We need to learn to be honest with \_\_\_\_\_ . (Gen. 3:8-13)**

The automatic response to sin is to \_\_\_\_\_. Sin causes us guilt and shame, which causes us to want to hide ourselves because we are afraid of others finding out about our sin.

The first thing that Adam did when finally confronted by God about his sin was to \_\_\_\_\_ someone else, to make an excuse, so that he could pretend he was not responsible.

And the tragic thing is that our impulse to hide keeps us from getting the very \_\_\_\_\_ we need.

**2. We need to learn to be honest with \_\_\_\_\_ .  
(Rom. 7:8-24)**

The same, and worse, will be true of us as well. In spite of the fact that Christ lives in us and we know what we \_\_\_\_\_ do, we will not always be able to do the right thing.

And we all have the same kind of \_\_\_\_\_. We end up doing the very things we don't want.

We will \_\_\_\_\_ have to struggle with the ware of the flesh vs. the Spirit in us. We will never \_\_\_\_\_ this struggle.

But the truth is, we'll never be \_\_\_\_\_ this side of heaven, and God doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ that of us.

He will make us perfect when we're in \_\_\_\_\_ with Him, not before. Until then, it's all about the journey and the struggle.

**3. We need to learn to be honest with \_\_\_\_\_ .  
(Ex. 34:29-35; 2 Cor. 3:13; James 5:16)**

Moses really wore the veil not out of consideration for others, but to hide the fact that the glory was \_\_\_\_\_ .

He was pretending that the glories of the past were still his in the present. He was coasting on \_\_\_\_\_ accomplishments, and didn't want anyone to know.

Rather than wear veils and masks around one another, we need to learn to \_\_\_\_\_ one another with how we really are.

Obviously, the kind of \_\_\_\_\_ that the Bible envisions for us assumes that we will trust one another with who we really are.

If you only let others see the mask, then they can only \_\_\_\_\_ the mask that you show them.

The other tragic part of mask-wearing is that \_\_\_\_\_ keeps us isolated from one another and the Body of Christ doesn't grow and glorify God as it should.