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Key Initial Questions

- 1. What is your definition of “authentic?”**
- 2. How do you see being authentic playing out in this world in general?
In your specific life?**
- 3. How does authenticity rank in qualities that you look for in people?**

Being Authentic

Being a Student of the Law In Today's World

- ▶ Daily interaction with the Word
- ▶ Becoming the text - letting it become you - Becoming Authentic!
- ▶ Meditating on it day and night

2 Tim 3:16-17

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Psalm 18:30

As for God, his way is perfect:
The Lord's word is flawless;
he shields all who take refuge in him

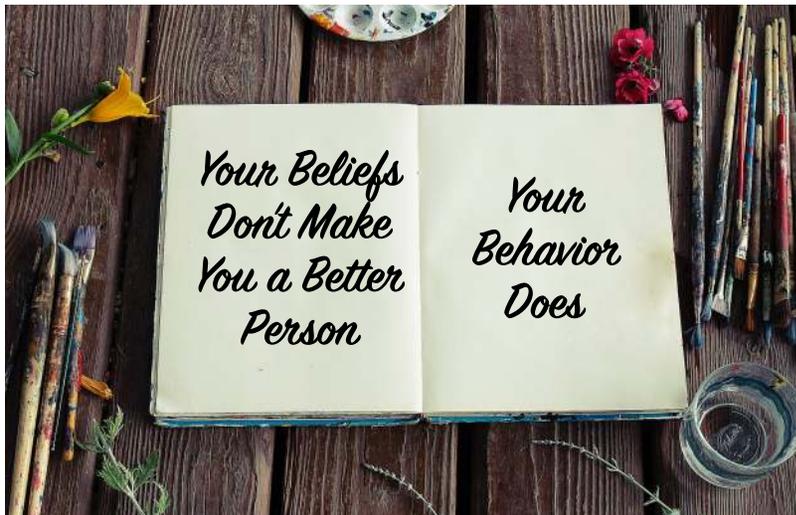
James 1:21

21 Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

Deuteronomy 8:1-3 This entire commandment that I command you today you must diligently observe, so that you may live and increase, and go in and occupy the land that the Lord promised on oath to your ancestors. **2** Remember the long way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, in order to humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commandments. **3** He humbled you by letting you hunger, then by feeding you with manna, with which neither you nor your ancestors were acquainted, in order to make you understand that one does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord

Being Authentic in Today's World

- ▶ Not very different from Biblical Times
 - ▶ Know what you're talking about
 - ▶ Model what you're preaching -
 - ▶ Act without Sin → Perfect Love
 - ▶ Look & Act Like the Rabbi -
Our Actions & Life tell people of Jesus
 - ▶ Being REAL is Greater Than Being RIGHT
 - ▶ It's Not About You! Ever!



*"The Single Greatest Cause of Atheism in the World Today is Christians...Who Acknowledge Jesus With Their Lips, Walk Out the Door, and Deny Him By Their Lifestyle. That Is What an Unbelieving World Simply Finds Unbelievable."
- Brennan Manning*



Authenticity Matters

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Key Take-Aways & Assessments

1. How would others see you? Would they say you are authentic - that you are who you are all the time?
2. Be bold and ask people that know you well and those that know you somewhat, but not extremely close. Choose people that you can trust that they will give you an honest answer - Am I authentic? Am I someone that you can believe?
3. Based on the answers - what needs to change or improve? How can authenticity improve?