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I Will Be The Real Deal

(Living with nothing to prove and nothing to hide)
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"... If God is for us, who can be against us?"
(Rom 8:31)

Real People Say . . .

"No" to Posing.

"No" to Posturing.

"No" to Pretending.

"Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?"
(Luke 6:46;NIV)

"The wicked man flees though no one pursues, but the righteous are as bold as a lion." (Prov 28:1; NIV)

The Path to Real

His love sets my self-worth and worthiness.

"But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. And since by his blood he did all this for us as sinners, **how much more will he do for us now that he has declared us not guilty?** Now he will save us from all of God's wrath to come. And since, when we were his enemies, we were brought back to God by the death of his Son, what blessings he must have for us now that we are his friends and he is living within us! Now we rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God--all because of what our Lord Jesus Christ has done in dying for our sins--making us friends of God." (Rom 5:8-11 TLB)

"This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins." (1 John 4:10 NIV)

My self-worth sets my self-image.

"Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.' So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them." (Gen 1:26-27; NIV)

My self-image sets my self-discipline.

My self-discipline sets my self-respect.

Keeping It Real Means . . .

I will live with no secrets.

" Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." (Psa 139; NIV)

I will live with no grudges.

I will live with no limits.

"I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge--that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or **imagine**, according to his power that is at work within us," (Eph 3:16-20 NIV)