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I never forgot the little speech that our mathematic teacher gave us one day, before giving the composition subjects :

“Today my friends, I give you two exams to pass : the first is geometry, the other is honesty.



I hope that you will succeed both.
If you fail in one, may be more likely that of geometry!
You will have more opportunities in your career
to apply the principles of honesty than using
geometrical theorems”.



Every day we must take in several ways the examination of honesty, of truthfulness.

For example, what do we do at the supermarket when the cashier gives us by mistake, too much money ? It's easy to say nothing. Anyway, it's her error not ours ! When the time comes to make our tax declaration, do we transcribe faithfully all our income on the form ? We could very well say that, since the State already pockets a large percentage of our salary there is nothing wrong with keeping back a little.



The teacher was right.

A persons moral behavior is in otherwords more important then the level of knowledge or of his income.

But this behavior requires, first of all that we be true before God with whom we cannot cheat and that we become accountable to Him.



This is what the Word of God tells us in the Book of Micah, chapter 6, verse 8 :

And what does the Lord require of you and what does the Lord require of you to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God,