

1. **Watch** chapter 10 from The Complete Learning System *Marco Polo* DVD.

2. **Read:** Philippians 4:8

“Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.”

3. **What does it mean to be honorable?** (Discuss ideas.)

“An honorable person is one who is truthful; free from deceit; above cheating, lying, stealing, or any form of deception. An honorable person is one who learns early that one cannot do wrong and feel right.” *Ezra Taft Benson, New Era, Jul 1984 © Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.*

To have the attributes that President Benson listed requires a person to be honest in all that they do, honest with themselves and honest with Heavenly Father.

4. **Have you ever been accused of being dishonest when you were being honest?** (Discuss ideas.)

There were many people who thought Marco Polo was being dishonest about his journey to China and laughed or persecuted him for it. Like Marco Polo, there were many people who did not believe Joseph Smith, “...and though I was hated and persecuted for saying that I had seen a vision, yet it was true; and while they were persecuting me, reviling me, and speaking all manner of evil against me falsely for so saying, I was led to say in my heart: Why persecute me for telling the truth? I have actually seen a vision; and who am I that I can withstand God, or why does the world think to make me deny what I have actually seen? For I had seen a vision; I knew it, and I knew that God knew it, and I could not deny it, neither dared I do it; at least I knew that by so doing I would offend God, and come under condemnation.” (JS-H 1:25)

5. **Why were both Marco Polo and Joseph Smith willing to endure persecution and even give their lives if it meant being dishonest?** (Discuss ideas.)

6. **Does the Lord bless us for being honorable?** (Discuss ideas.)

President Hinckley taught, “Those who are living the principle of honesty know that the Lord does bless them. Theirs is the precious right to hold their heads in the sunlight of truth, unashamed before any man. ...Brothers and sisters, the Lord requires his people to be honest. May we desire with all our hearts to be honest in all our relationships and in all the things that we do.” *Gordon B. Hinckley, Liahona, Jun 1993 © Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.*

7. **Is it important to be honest in little things as well as big things?** (Discuss ideas.)

“If we are sensitive to our relationship to the Savior, we must be honest in little things as well as the big. We should always remember that we are never alone. There is no act that is not observed; there is no word spoken that is not heard; there is no thought conceived in the mind of man that is not known to God. There is no darkness that can conceal the things we do.” *Howard W. Hunter, New Era, Feb 1978 © Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.*

8. **How can we become trapped by dishonesty?** (Discuss ideas.)

An example of being trapped by dishonesty is when we tell what might seem like a little white lie. That little lie often leads to another and another, becoming bigger and bigger. It then becomes harder and harder to remember what lies you have told. You soon become trapped by your lies and dishonesty.

9. There are others who make excuses for their dishonesty, but to Heavenly Father, there are no acceptable excuses or reasons for being dishonest. If there are ways in which we have been even the least bit dishonest, we need to repent.

10. “It is not above and beyond the call of duty to be honest. Being honest is our duty.” *Marvin J. Ashton, New Era, Sep 1983 © Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.*