

**Psalm 39:12 “Hear my prayer, O Lord... for I am a stranger with You...”**

***Get the water out of the gas***

*Thirty one years ago I was driving my little 1969 Buick Opal on a very important trip. Actually, I was on my way to propose to Valorie. And the car shuddered and sputtered and died three times on the way to Horseheads, NY. (I'm not kidding. The town really is called Horseheads.) My power problem was a pollution problem... water in the gas. I used up three cans of dry-gas in two hours to make it there. (And she said “Yes”!)*

**There is no power killer in life more lethal than the pollution of dishonesty.**

Dishonesty comes in many forms.

*Hypocrisy: trying to look good on the outside when you're corrupt on the inside.*

*Duplicity: saying whatever we think others want to hear, instead of the truth.*

*Disloyalty: not keeping my commitments to those on my team; holding a “them and us” attitude.*

*Treachery: furthering the cause of the enemy instead of my Lord.*

*Deception: allowing others to think something that is untrue or assume something that is false.*

*Pretending: going through the motions with no inner passion or intimacy with God.*

***Psalm 15 A Psalm of David.***

LORD, who may abide in Your tabernacle?

Who may dwell in Your holy hill?

He who walks uprightly,

and works righteousness,

and speaks the truth in his heart;

He who does not backbite with his tongue,

nor does evil to his neighbor,

nor does he take up a reproach against his friend;

In whose eyes a vile person is despised,

but he honors those who fear the LORD;

He who swears to his own hurt and does not change;

He who does not put out his money at usury,

Nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

He who does these things shall never be moved.

*Am I being honest with God? Am I telling Him the truth? Am I real or faking it in my heart?*

*Am I honest with myself? Am I telling myself truth or listening to lies?*

*Am I honest with my family, friends and team? Am I committed to truth even if it costs me?*

**There is no power like the power that accompanies an honest walk with God. 1 John 1:5-10**

Other passages to read:

John 1:47 Exodus 18:21 Psalm 78:72 Proverbs 10:9; 11:3; 20:7

Isaiah 48:1 John 4:24 Titus 2:7 James 1:22-26 James 5:16