

How Honest Are You?

Option 1

- I am perfect; I am without fault or error. I have never done anything wrong even once in my entire life.

Option 2

- I am man or woman enough to admit failure at least once in my life in the following areas:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Lying | <input type="checkbox"/> Embezzlement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gossip | <input type="checkbox"/> Disobeying parents |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cheating | <input type="checkbox"/> Coveting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stealing | <input type="checkbox"/> Sodomy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Profanity | <input type="checkbox"/> Blasphemy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adultery | <input type="checkbox"/> Foolishness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Murder | <input type="checkbox"/> Pornography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fighting | <input type="checkbox"/> Not going to church |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hatred | <input type="checkbox"/> Drugs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drunkenness | <input type="checkbox"/> Pride |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Idol worship | <input type="checkbox"/> Rebellion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strife | <input type="checkbox"/> Backbiting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Envy | <input type="checkbox"/> Selfishness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Losing temper | <input type="checkbox"/> Unthankfulness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Negative attitude | <input type="checkbox"/> Deceit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contention | <input type="checkbox"/> False accusations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jealousy | <input type="checkbox"/> Materialism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bitterness | <input type="checkbox"/> Fornication |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse abuse | <input type="checkbox"/> Boasting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Smoking | <input type="checkbox"/> Hypocrisy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lust | <input type="checkbox"/> Dirty thoughts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bribery | <input type="checkbox"/> Maliciousness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rape | <input type="checkbox"/> Unmerciful |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extortion | <input type="checkbox"/> Unbelief |

If you chose option one, we'll be honest – you're a LYING HYPOCRITE!

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." 1 John 1:8

If you chose option two and actually had enough courage to circle half the boxes you should have, may we applaud you on your honesty. However, before you congratulate yourself too much, may we point out that honesty does not "undo" all of those boxes you ticked – or should have ticked. If you chose even one box out of this list, YOU are a condemned man or woman!

"For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all." James 2:10

"Guilty" is a word that the average Kiwi would like to avoid. But let's be honest, isn't that the problem?

There is an angry, rebellious generation growing up among us who have been fed a diet of sex and violence, who have been taught they are random accidents with no purpose in life and who would sooner party and get drunk this weekend than do anything meaningful with their lives.

The courts are choked with an impossible backlog of cases; the prisons are full; and the papers report a new murder, home invasion or gang attack every day. The politicians scratch their heads and the religious crowd waffle on about a God you'll never find in the Bible who just loves everyone and wouldn't hurt a flea.

The **ANSWER** is not more government programmes, more money, more education and definitely not more religion.

The **PROBLEM** is SIN and the ONLY answer is JESUS CHRIST!

The **SOLUTION** starts with YOU!

You may not belong to a gang and you may not have gotten drunk last weekend – but you ticked some boxes on the front of this pamphlet and that means that YOU know that you are GUILTY! The Bible calls your "failures" and your "mistakes" sin!

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" Rom. 3:23

"As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:" Rom. 3:10

At the end of the day there is a God in heaven who created ALL things – including YOU! He is not the warm, cuddly fuzz ball portrayed by the religious crowd, but a HOLY righteous God that must judge and punish sin. No one will get away with anything – not even you!

"But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." Rev. 21:8

Hopefully the bigger problem should be clear – none of us are perfect. None of us are holy. None of us measure up to God's standard. None of us are right with God or deserve heaven – WE ARE ALL FRIED!

So how do we undo those boxes we ticked? How do we make up for our wrongs? **Answer:** we can't.

"But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags..." Isa. 64:6

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us..." Titus 3:5

Religion says "be good" or "do good" and "join us" and God will let you off – they're wrong!! NOTHING we can do will impress God. If this was the end of the story, it would be pretty hopeless indeed.

"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Rom. 5:8

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Rom. 6:23

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16

There is a way to get all of those boxes cleared – honestly! Jesus came to this earth as God in the flesh for the purpose of dying on the cross **IN YOUR PLACE**. He was your substitute – the payment for your sin! He took your sins and suffered the punishment in your place.

He offers you a complete pardon and total forgiveness if you will but repent (turn from your sin) and believe in Him alone for forgiveness.

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved ...whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Rom 10:9 & 13

The solution to our nation's ills STARTS with YOU getting right with GOD! Stop blaming everyone else or looking down your nose at those who can tick more boxes than you can. Stop trusting in the government, your church and your brain. Do something unique on the street where you live and TAKE RESPONSIBILITY for your actions! Humble yourself before God Almighty today and trust Jesus Christ as your SAVIOUR.

Honestly, which option do you really want?

- I'll take my chances that there is no God or that my religion or my government will solve all my problems.
- I admit that I'm a sinner and I ask God now to forgive me. I do believe that Jesus Christ is God and died and rose again so that I can have eternal life. Based on what the Bible says and not any religion, I am forgiven, clean and on my way to heaven!

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