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Someone who really follows Jesus brings greater and greater truthfulness into his life. He eliminates all lies, falsehood, pretense, and ambiguity from his accomplishments in life and becomes transparent toward the truth. To believe means to become a witness to the truth.

## DISCUSS

Also discuss your own questions on this topic!

**Treasure Book**: Take five minutes to write down what you don't want to forget.

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