

# **My Ethical Position on Communication**

I have always believed that honesty is the ethical response to any situation. One of the things that my father taught me was that a man is only as good as his word, and I believe that it is the most important lesson that he could have taught me. I know that both he and I have based this principle in biblical teachings. I think of Matthew 5:37 “But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.” I interpret that verse as many have to say to be honest in your speech and to keep your promises. As for the rest of the framework of my ethical position when it comes to communication, I believe in being a person of integrity in that you should always do what is right, even when no one is looking. I think that good communicators are fair and empathetic and show others respect. Part of respecting others is being honest with them, and in this day and age the truth will eventually come out. So, it is always better to start with the truth, regardless of what consequences may result from the truth, because when the truth eventually does come out you now have the dishonesty of being caught in a lie on top of whatever that truth may be.