

The Knights Code of Chivalry and the vows of Knighthood

At all times to Speak the Truth

Excalibur, 1981 (14-15 yrs. old)

Which is the greatest quality of knighthood?

Courage? Compassion? Loyalty? Humility? What do you say, Merlin?

The greatest? Well, they blend like the metals we mix to make a good sword.

No poetry. Just a straight answer. Which is it?

All right, then.

Truth. That's it.

Yes. It must be truth, above all.

When a man lies, he murders some part of the world.

You should know that.

Psalm 15

1 Lord, who may dwell in your sacred tent?

Who may live on your holy mountain?

2 **The one whose walk is blameless,
who does what is righteous,
who speaks the truth from their heart;**

3 whose tongue utters no slander,
who does no wrong to a neighbor,
and casts no slur on others;

4 who despises a vile person
but honors those who fear the Lord;
who keeps an oath even when it hurts,
and does not change their mind;

5 who lends money to the poor without interest;
who does not accept a bribe against the innocent.

**Whoever does these things
will never be shaken.**

Pr. 14:25

A truthful witness saves lives,
but a false witness is deceitful.

Ps 34

12 Whoever of you loves life
and desires to see many good days,

13 keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from telling lies.

14 Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.

Reputation

Proverbs 22

A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold.

..Matthew.. lie?