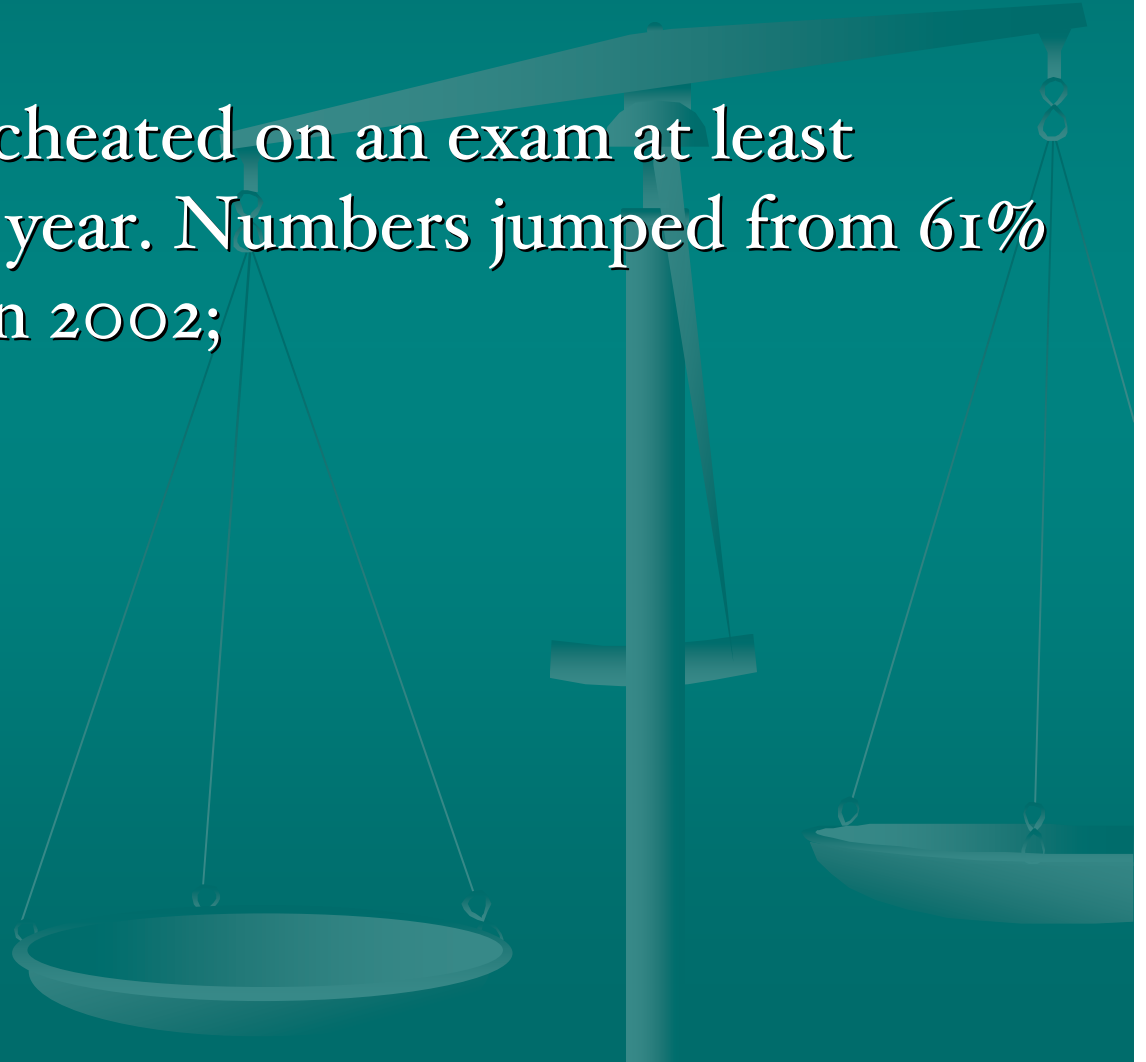


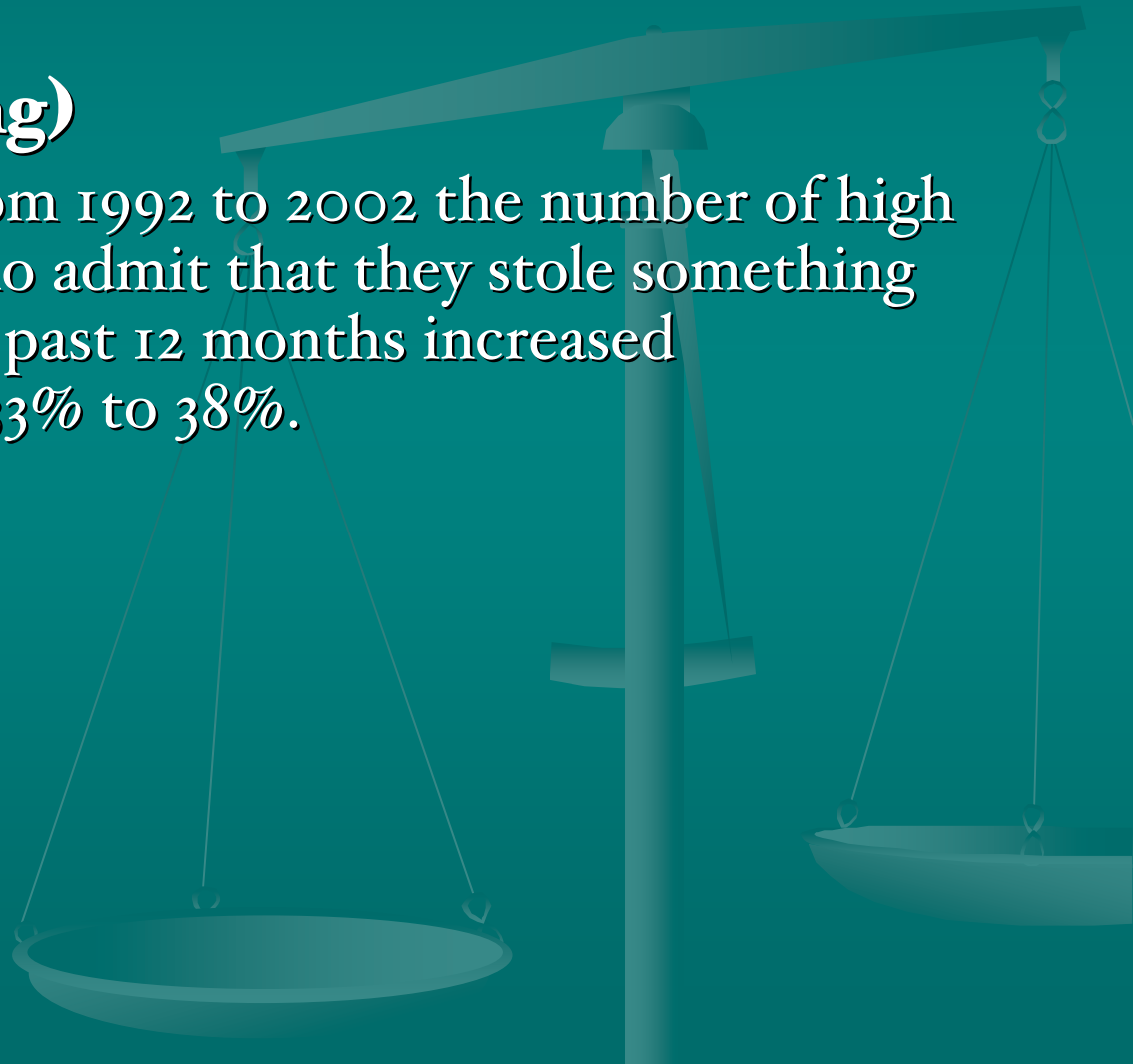
A survey of 12,000 high school students showed that students:

- Admitted they cheated on an exam at least once in the past year. Numbers jumped from 61% in 1992 to 74% in 2002;



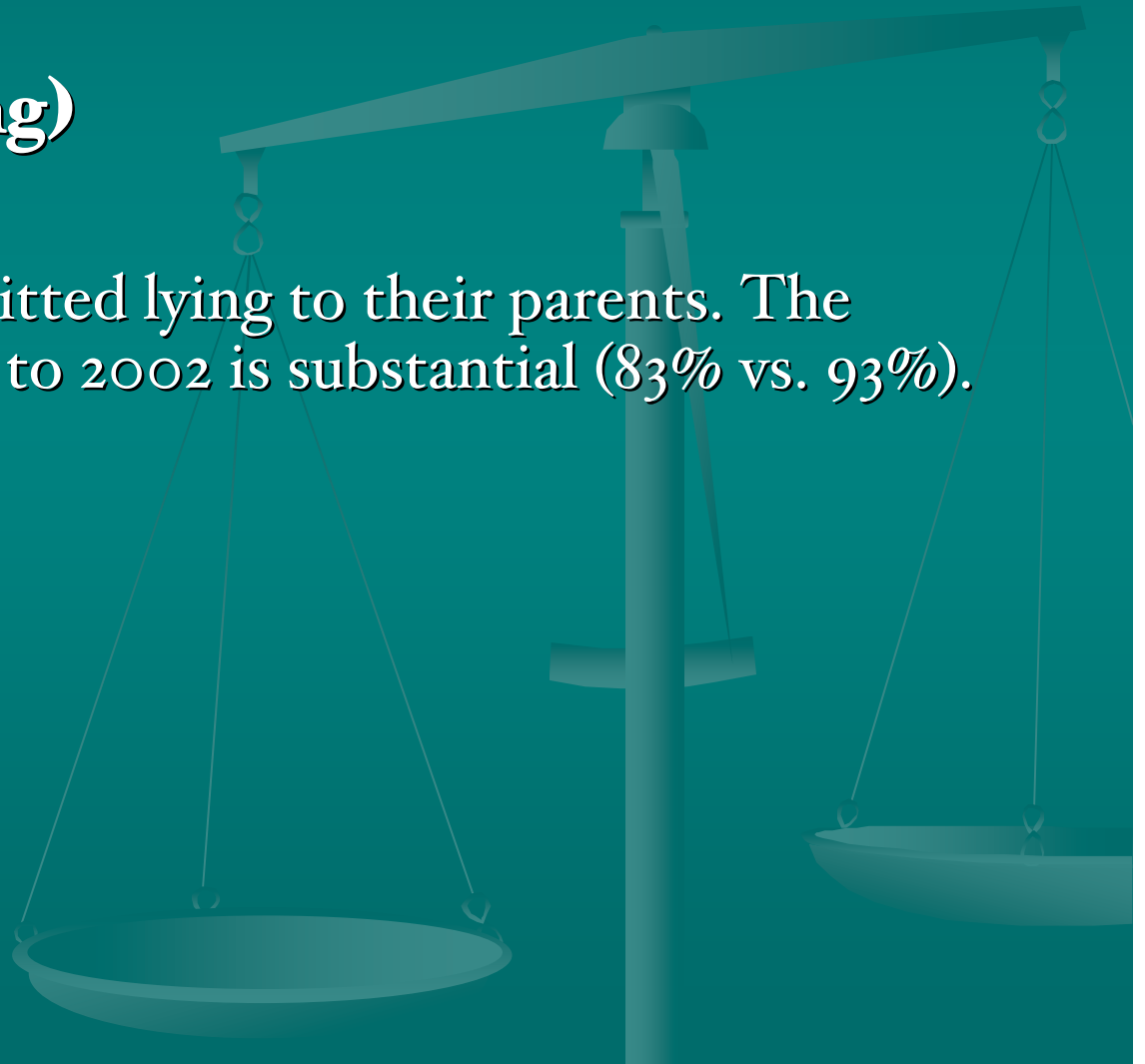
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- **Cheated**
- **Stole (Shoplifting)**
 - In the ten years from 1992 to 2002 the number of high school students who admit that they stole something from a store in the past 12 months increased significantly from 33% to 38%.



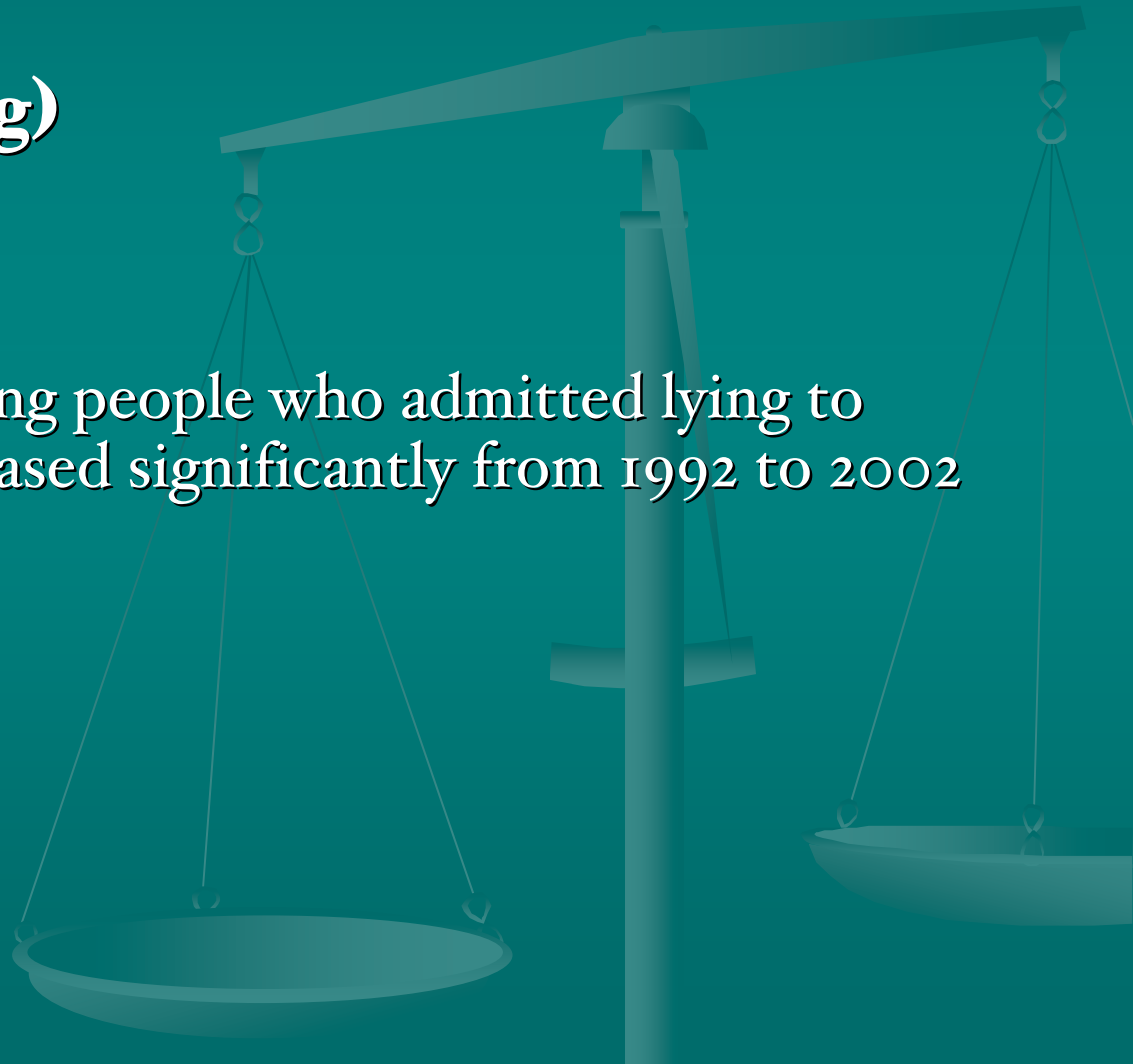
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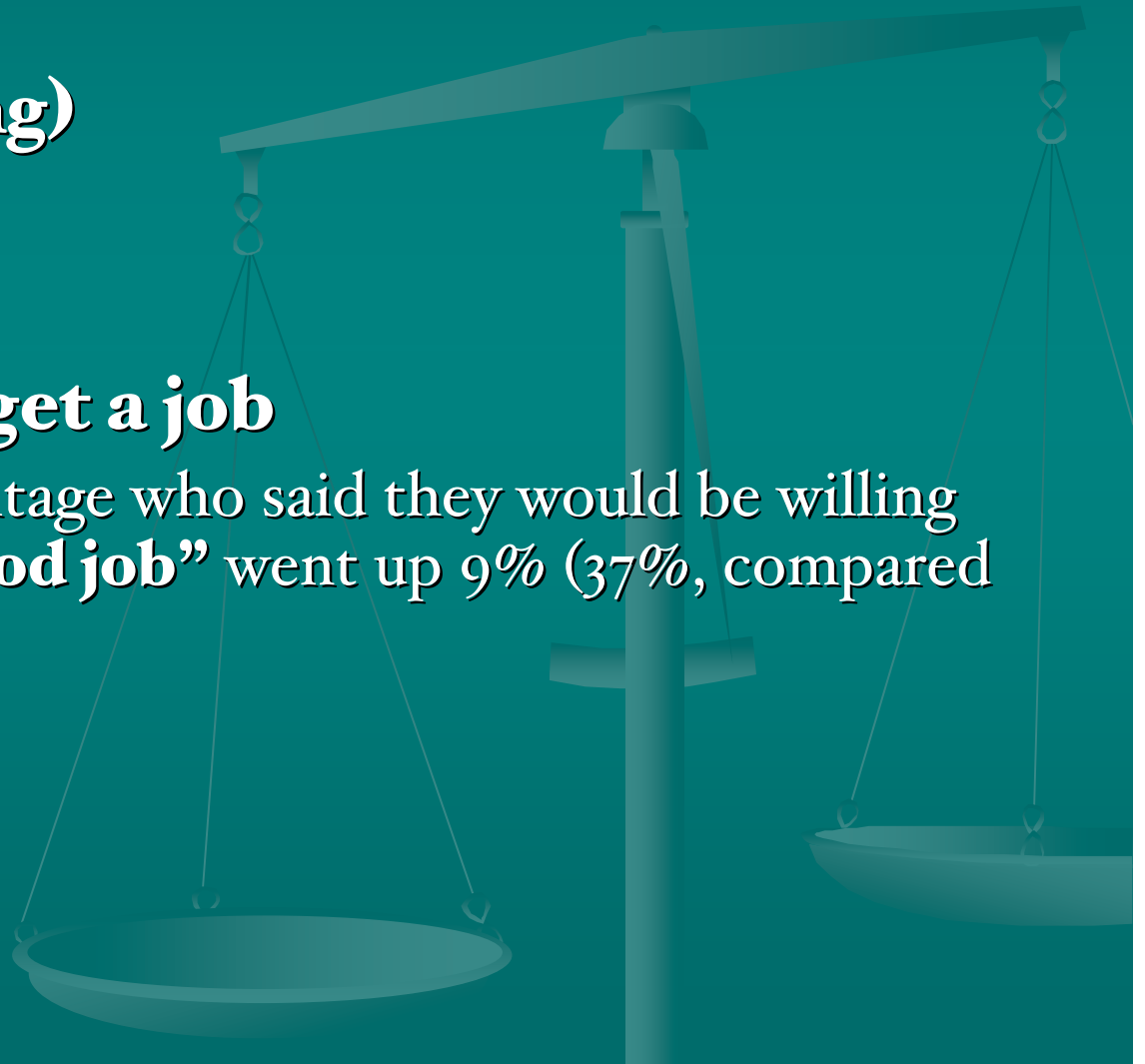
They:

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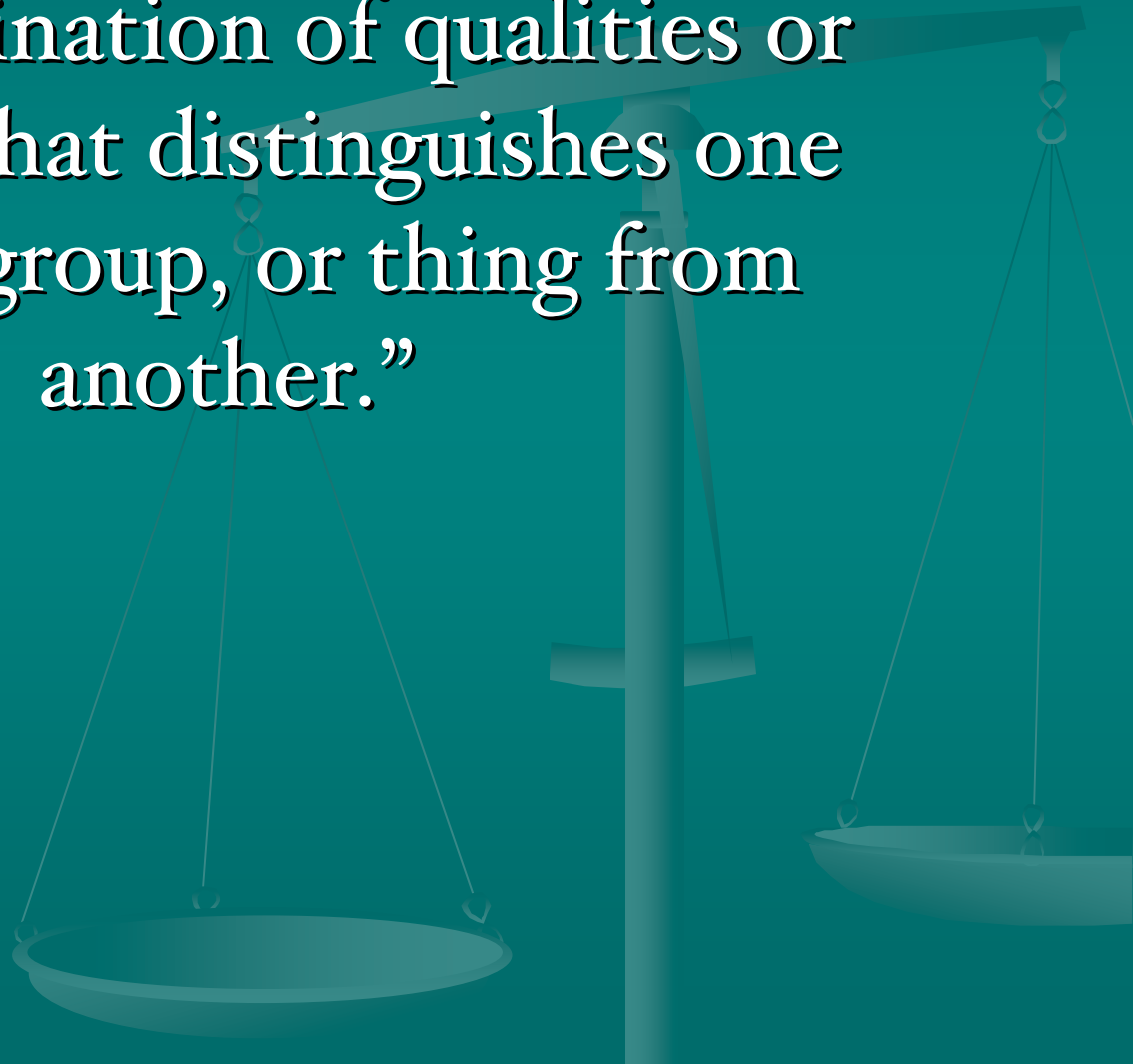
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- **Willing to lie to get a job**
 - In 2002 the percentage who said they would be willing to **“lie to get a good job”** went up 9% (37%, compared to 28% in 2000).



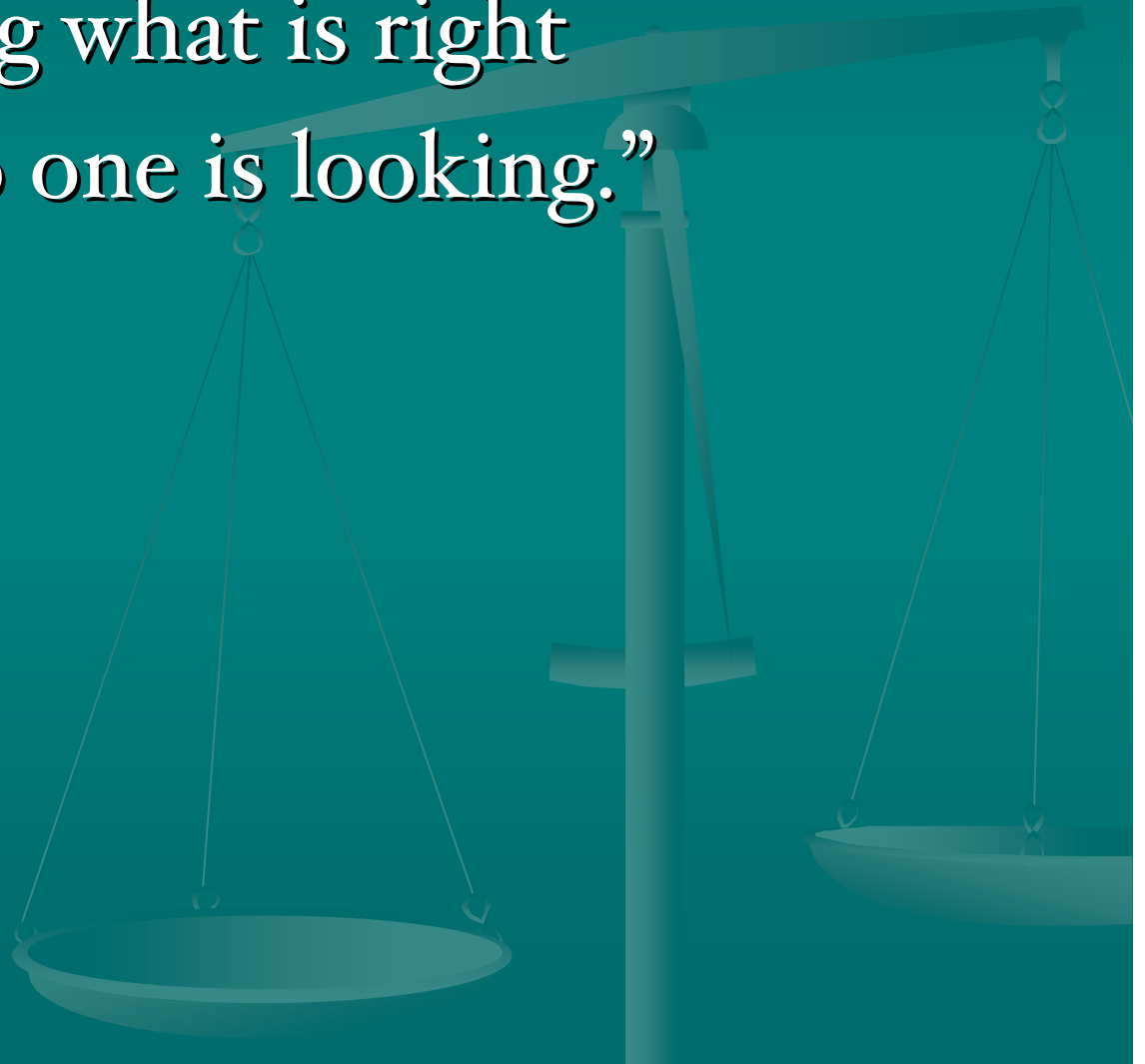
What is Character?

“The combination of qualities or features that distinguishes one person, group, or thing from another.”

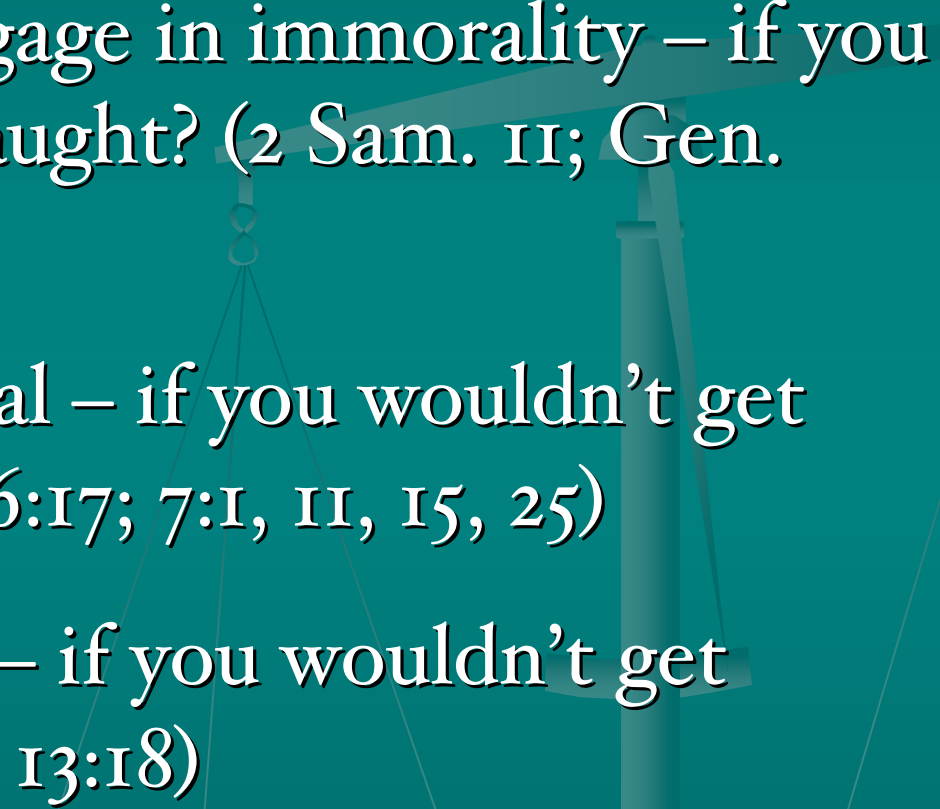


What is Integrity?

“Doing what is right
when no one is looking.”

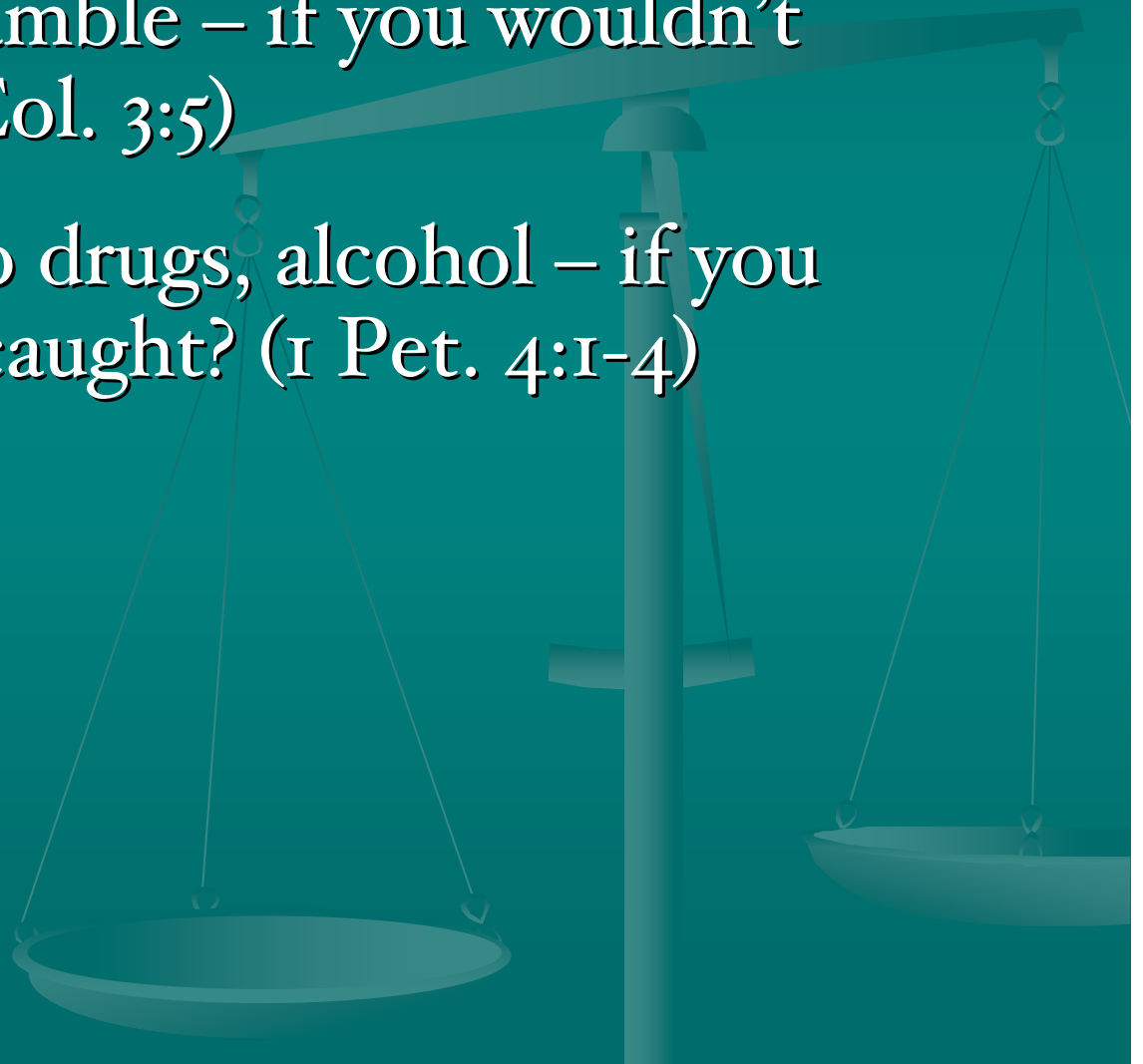


Questions Concerning Character/Integrity

- Would you engage in immorality – if you wouldn't get caught? (2 Sam. 11; Gen. 39:9)
 - Would you steal – if you wouldn't get caught? (Josh. 6:17; 7:1, 11, 15, 25)
 - Would you lie – if you wouldn't get caught? (1 Kgs. 13:18)
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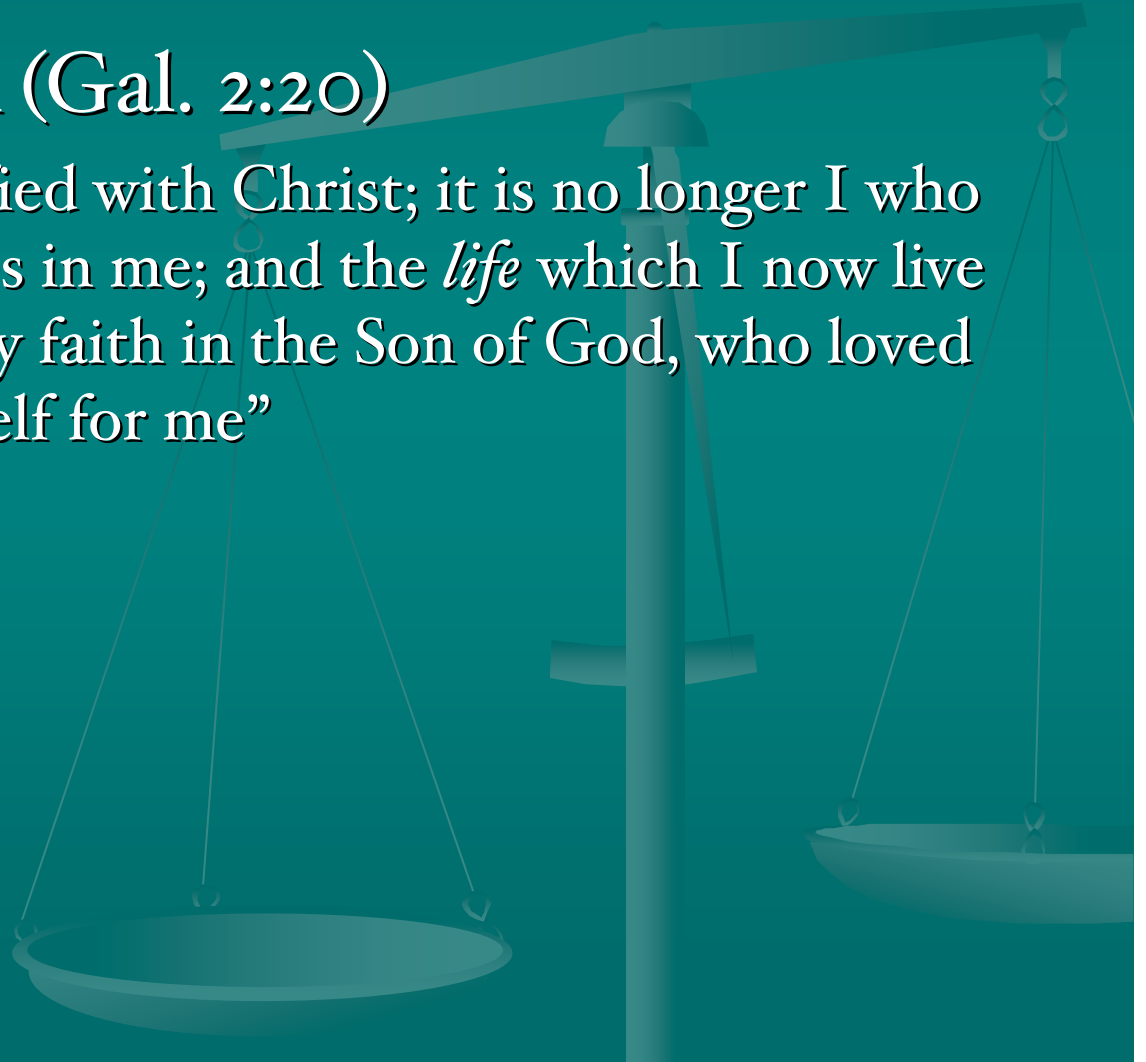
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- Would you gamble – if you wouldn't get caught? (Col. 3:5)
- Would you do drugs, alcohol – if you wouldn't get caught? (1 Pet. 4:1-4)



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