

The Simpsons

The truth and the truth

Reality bites

Lionel Hutz tells Marge that there is the truth (the real truth which he sees as bad for business) and the truth (the altered truth which helps to sell houses).

The truth can be something you don't want to hear and often we keep from saying truth to protect our selves or someone else. Jesus say's He is the truth and the only way to know real truth is through Him. John 14:6

Bad compromise

Reality bites

To keep her job Marge Marge doesn't tell the Flannners the whole truth when selling them their new home – the infamous 'murder house.' Her conscience gets the better of her as she realises telling the truth is more important to her than the sale

Standing for what you believe in can be hard and it can be easier to do things that others want just so you're accepted and fit in. Being A Christian can be hard often what the world does / accepts doesn't fit with a Christian way of life. In the Bible Jesus says that HE is always with us and has sent the Holy Spirit to help us when we find it hard. Matt 28: 16-20

Have it your way

Homer the Smithers

Monty Burns misses the drag race so he tells Smithers to get the drivers to slow down so he can see the race.

Monty Burns thinks he can control everything and have it all his own way. The drag race doesn't work how he wants it, we can't live in a Burger King world and 'have it our way'. Drag racing is designed to be fast, God designed us in His image to follow / worship Him but often we're like Month Burns and try to do it a different way. Gen 1:26, Ps 139:16, Luke 19: 37-40

No Good

Homer the Smithers

Smithers has lost his Job 'nannying' Monty Burns and can't keep any other Job. He hits an all time low and accepts the 'Barney sitting' job at Moe's. Homer steps in and tells Smithers he has two choices 'accept the Barney sitting Job (which no one wants) or admit that there is one person who can get him his old job back'.

Smithers has lost all self-belief and is willing to take the job no one wants. Often when we're down it feels like nobody – including ourselves - thinks we're any good. God, the creator of all things, the most powerful being ever, thinks we're great and loves us to pieces, what ever we've done or however we feel about ourselves. 1 John 3:1-16,

Respect

Deep space Homer

Homer has run away from the shuttle launch and phones Marge. He tells her that the only reason he wanted to be an astronaut was to gain the respect of his family.

Often it can be a laugh to make fun of people but what about that person? Bart and others made fun of Homer making him feel he had to do something spectacular to gain respect of those around him. Jesus says we should love / treat one another, as we would want to be treated. Mark 12: 28-29

Misunderstood

Marge gets a Job

Grandpa is looking after Maggie and misunderstands her when she is asking for a drink and goes through everything trying to work out what she is saying.

Often people misunderstand the message of Christianity, they think its about stopping doing all the funs things in life and becoming sad and boring, when its not about that...