Because God is truth, if we are to be "godly"

We must be truthful?

We must:

1. **Love the truth -**

   Prov. 8:7 - "For my mouth shall speak truth; and wickedness is an abonomination to my lips." We are to "buy the truth and sell it not" (Prov. 23:23); we are to "love the truth" (Zech. 8:19).

2. **Always tell the truth -**

   A lie is never justified. No situation ethics. Eph. 4:15 - "Speak the truth in love." God's truthfulness never ends (Ps. 100:5, 117:2); neither should ours.

3. **Tell the truth, no matter what the cost -**

   EX: Peter's lying in his denial - Mt. 26:69-74.
   God hates lying - Zech. 8:16, 17.

4. **Tell the truth, even when others do not want to hear it -**

   II Timothy 4:3,4
   Gal. 4:16 - "Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?"

5. **Tell the truth to your children -**

   Is. 38:19 - "The living, the living, he shall praise thee, as I do this day: the father to the children shall make known thy truth."

6. **Live your life according to the truth - Ps. 86:11**

   "I will walk in thy truth" -- II Jn. 4; III Jn. 4.

7. **Keep your word -**

   Do what you say you will do. Be faithful! (I Cor. 4:2)

8. **Be sincere (genuine, not a hypocrite)**

   Josh. 24:14 - "Now therefore, fear the Lord and serve Him in sincerity and truth."
   I Sam. 12:24 - Only fear the Lord, and serve Him in truth with all your heart: for

consider how great things He hath done for you."
Ps. 51:6 - "Behold thou desirest truth in the inward parts." God's Warning: Acts 5:1-11
Jn. 4:24 - Worship in "spirit and in truth." Note God's Warning through Ananias & Saphira (Acts 5:1-11)

9. Our church must uphold the truth.

We are the "pillar and ground of the truth" (I Tim. 3:15).