

**Date:** July 9, 2017  
**Title:** Above All  
**Text:** James 5:12-14

## **Introduction**

### **I. Above all: Truthful words**

*Why is simply honesty so important?*

### **II. Above all: Authentic living**

*Why is living openly so important?*

“I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul shall exult in my God,  
For he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;  
He has covered me with the robe of righteousness...” (Isaiah 61:10)

## **Conclusion**

- What are some ways that you manipulate the truth?
- What prevents you from being open (bold, even) about openly sharing your struggles, victories, or thoughts?
- How does deception hinder the Christian life? Do you engage in this?
- How might you encourage authenticity in others?