

## HONESTY

Life wasn't going well for me when I showed up on the scene  
but I was ready for the change, whatever that would mean.

The life I'd lead was scandalous, I think you get the gist,  
and to get rigorously honest, was the first thing on my list.

When practicing this principle, I was brutal from the start,  
but that sometimes caused reactions, and it wasn't very smart.

My wife asked me a question, while trying on some jeans  
Did they make her look extended?, Well, you know what I mean.

That put me in a quandary and, I knew I had to lie,  
If life has to be that rigorous, well, I guess I'm gonna die.

I told a friend about it and he said "you got it right".

*Kindness* trumps the *rigorous* clause, and you gotta keep it light.

He gave a definition and for our purpose, I believe

Kind honesty is *Devoid of all motives to deceive.*

It gives a little wiggle room and, I think God wouldn't mind  
if self-righteousness takes a little hit, *if only to be kind.*

I've learned there are few absolutes, and my conscience is my guide  
and I must put self-honesty first, when, *these thing I must decide.*

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