

God Is Righteous Article

An architect building a hundred-story skyscraper takes immense precautions to have the building's foundation perfectly level. If the footings are off even a fraction of an inch, there are tremendous consequences. The farther up he builds on an unlevelled foundation, the more unstable the foundation becomes.

Scientists at Mission Control in Houston also knew the importance of being "right" when bringing a spaceship back to earth. If the reentry into the earth's atmosphere was off just a little, the spaceship would encounter too much friction and burn up before it reached the ground.

Consider the speed of a skater in a race. The skaters not only race each other, but each skater must stay in their own lane. If one skater crosses the line into the other lane, he is disqualified and loses the race.

Although most people understand the importance of laying the "right" foundation, having the "right" reentry angle, or staying in the "right" lane, they have problems understanding the "rightness" of moral laws. When it comes to stealing, for example, many people divide stealing into categories like "borrowing," petty theft, robbery and embezzlement. They feel that some categories are OK, such as taking a few supplies from their employer or school, or keeping excess when a cashier gives them too much change. But to them, it would be wrong to break into someone's home or to rob a bank.¹

¹ Dr Bill Bright, *God: Discover His Character* (New Life Publications, 1999), pp 169-170