

The Truth About Lying

Introduction:

- A. **LIE:** a false statement made with deliberate intent to deceive; an intentional untruth; a falsehood.
- B. No one enjoys being lied to. We know that lying is inconsiderate and can be very hurtful.
- C. The issue goes deeper, to the nature of God and our calling (*Heb 6:17-18; John 17:17; Rom 12:2*).

I. A Quick Biblical Survey of Lying

- A. The _____ is a liar and the father of lies (*John 8:44; Gen 3:4-6*).
- B. Foundational to the Law of Moses was a prohibition against bearing false witness (*Exo 20:16*).
- C. Of seven things mentioned that the LORD _____, two revolve around lying (*Prov 6:16-19*).
 - 1. Lies create delusions, leading people astray (*Jer 23:32*).
 - 2. Lies destroy the innocent and pervert justice (*Prov 14:25*).
 - 3. The poor are ruined with lying words (*Isa 32:7*).
 - 4. Lies undermine morality and create a separation from God (*Rom 1:24-25*).
- D. The first sins in recorded history immediately led to a lack of authenticity (*Gen 3:8-10; 4:8-9*).
- E. The first recorded sin among Christians was lying (*Acts 5:1-11*).
- F. The fate of liars is clearly described throughout the Bible (*Prov 19:5; Rev 21:8*).

II. Why Do We Lie?

- A. Some simply _____ in lies (*Psa 62:4*).
- B. Some lie because they are _____ (*Gen 12:10-13; 20:2; Mark 14:66-72*).
- C. Some lie to avoid _____ (*Gen 18:10-15*).
- D. Some lie in order to _____ religiously, politically or financially (*1 Tim 4:1-3; 2 Pet 2:1-3*).

III. How Do We Lie?

- A. In flat _____ of the truth (*2 Kings 5:20-27*).
- B. By deceitfully withholding _____ of the truth (*Gen 12:10-13*).
- C. By intentionally _____ the words of others (*Mark 14:56-58*).
- D. Through _____ words or motives (*Matt 26:47-50*).
- E. In two-faced _____ (*Prov 26:18-19; Jer 9:8; 1 John 1:5-7; 2:4; 4:20*).

Conclusion: "Therefore," our calling as disciples of Christ is clear (*Eph 4:25; Matt 5:37; 12:36-37*).