



“Lying” (part 2)

Text: Titus 1:2, John 8:44

General observations from the world:

University of Notre Dame study found Americans average 11 lies per week.

So why do people lie: Several reasons have been given by liars:

- 1) Lack confidence in the life they are living - they want to hide it
- 2) The decisions they are making are questionable among their peers - so they don't want others to know what they are doing
- 3) Their dissatisfaction with the person they are - they want to hide who they are and what they think
- 4) They have a greater fear of man than God.
 - (a) God knows the truth and it doesn't bother you that He does yet you are fearful of man knowing the truth because of what he might think.
- 5) They want to impress others by elaborating something to make it greater than what it was or is. (This is the case of Anannias and Saphira in Acts 5)
- 6) To make themselves appear to better than others. (This was the case of the devil in the garden of Eden trying to appear more knowledgeable and better than God.)
- 7) To keep from being punished.

These all fit into two basic categories of liars:

Sociopathic liars.

Compulsive liars.

What does our Creator God teach us about lying?

1. **God hates lying -**
 - It's mentioned in the list of 7 things the Lord hates. Proverbs 6:17-19, 12:22
 - God's enemy the devil is the father of lies (John 8:44).
 - When God gave us the ten commandments he included it as the 9th commandment - Exodus 20:16
2. **God will expose liars.**
Eventually the hidden comes out. Luke 8:17, Romans 2:16, I Timothy 5:24
3. **When you lie, you demonstrate that you don't love yourself or others.**
If you loved yourself, why would you do something that would send you to hell? Revelation 21:8 - God states, ALL LIARS will burn in Hell.
As Christians we treat others with love. Romans 13:9-10
4. **When you lie you break the law of God. The law is to prevent crimes. I Timothy 1:9-10**

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5. **When you lie, God takes it personal. Acts 5:1-11**
“you have not lied unto men, but unto God”. vrs 4
vrs 3 includes having lied to the Holy Spirit

How do we overcome lying?

1. **Release yourself from fearing man - man will perish.**
When you lie because of fear, fear becomes your master
1 Corinthians 7:23, Mathew 10:28, Revelation 21:8
God paid a high price for you, so **don't be enslaved by the world.** Matthew 10:28, Revelation 21:8
2. **Release yourself from trying to impress others - you are child of God!**
Galatians 1:10, I Thessalonians 2:4
3. **Release yourself from your old way of living - live bold in Christ who is making you an amazing new person.**

Lying is a part of your old nature, put on truth the new man

Colossians 3:9-10

Don't let the old life of lying drag you down.

2 Corinthians 5:16-17, Ephesians 4:25

4. **Embrace God's love.** 1 Corinthians 13:6
5. **Crave what is spiritually good.**
Just like babes crave their mothers milk, we need to crave for what is pure. I Peter 2:1-3
We should value being known as the most honest person others know
Proverbs 22:1

6. **Speak with caution. Matthew 12:36**
Are living in fear of man? Are you trying to impress people? Turn to God and bold in who you are in God's eyes.

Afternoon discussion:

- What are some ways to respond to others that you don't care to tell them certain things that they are inquiring about?
- In Revelations 21:15 the term “makes a lie”, or “lives a lie” is used. How do we live a lie?
- Out of the seven reasons given why people lie, what do you think is the most common?
- What is a white lie verses a black lie?
- Is manufactured excuse a lie?