

LYING 726

Text: Prov. 6:16-19 **These six the Lord hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him: A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood, A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil, A false witness who speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren.**

Introduction:

- A. The gift of speech is unique to man.
- B. The power of reasoning and then acting on that reasoning is unique to man.
- C. Perhaps this is the sin most often committed today.
- D. There is a book entitled "The Day America Told the Truth"- 91% of those surveyed stated that they lie routinely about matters they consider trivial.

36 % lie about important matters.

86% lie to their parents

75% lie to their friends

73% lie to their siblings

69% lie to their spouses

E. Even in the religious world lying has lost the sting it once had as being wrong- The Reformer a religious publications stated- "We need to teach our children to lie. To lie judicially, and mercifully but never maliciously."

F. No wonder David said- Psa 116:11 "I said in my haste, All men are liars"

G. What is a lie Jn. 18:38 Pilate asked " What is truth ? I am asking what is a lie?"

Dictionary.com- a false statement made with deliberate intent to deceive; an intentional untruth; a falsehood. something intended or serving to convey a false impression; an inaccurate or false statement. to speak falsely or utter untruth knowingly, as with intent to deceive. to express what is false; convey a false impression.

BODY:

I. NOTICE THESE SCRIPTURES THAT SPEAK AGAINST LYING AND WRONG SPEECH.

A. Ps. 120:2 "**Deliver my soul, O Lord, from lying lips, and from a deceitful tongue.**

B. Ps. 141:3 "**Set a watch O Lord, before my mouth keep the door of my lips.**"

C. Prov. 6:16-19 **These six the Lord hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him: A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood, A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil, A false witness who speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren.**

D. Prov. 12:22. **Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord, But those who deal truthfully are His delight.**

E. Prov. 19:5 **"A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall not escape."**

F. Matt. 12:34. **"Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks."**

G. Matt. 12:36-37-36 **"But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."**

H. Eph. 4:25. **Therefore, putting away lying, "Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor," for we are members of one another.**

I. Col. 3:9. **Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds,**

II. Why is Lying So Wrong

A. It is contrary to the very nature of God- Heb. 6:18 That by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us.

B. It destroys our credibility-

1. Job 27:5b... Till I die I will not put away my integrity from me.

2. Eph. 4: 15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head--Christ--

III. WHAT CAN WE DO TO STOP THE LYING?

A. Consider the damage it does:

1. A lie caused death to come into the world.

a. Satan bore false witness to Eve.

b. Gen. 3:4. **You will not surely die.**

c. Rom. 5:12 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned.

2. False witness discouraged Israel- Num. 13:30-33. **We were like grasshoppers**

4. Lies against Jesus.

a. That he had a demon- Jn. 8:48-49.

b. He was a glutton and winebibber- Matt. 11:19.

c. At His trial- Matt. 26:59-62.

d. After His resurrection- Matt. 28:12-15.

5. Damage to the one being lied about.

a. Prov. 22:1. **A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, Loving favor rather than silver and gold.**

b. Done in court.

6. The liar himself is damaged.

a. James 3:6- defiles his body. And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell.

b. He shows what is inside of him- Matt. 12:34- "Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

c. Shows his spiritual condition- Jas. 1:26- If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless.

IV. Way People Lie.

A. Ways in Which We Lie.

1. Winston Churchill coined the term and Former Secretary of State Alexander Haig once used it to say- "That's not a lie; it's a terminological inexactitude. He also used the phrase a tactical misrepresentation.

2. White lies, black lies, big lie, little lies.

3. Twist words, Half Truths, Misstatement of facts, Bodily movement, Gossip,

Exaggeration, Insinuation, Flattery, and Presuming

B. Plain old boldface lie! Col. 3:9- Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds

1. Many reasons.
2. Jealousy, inferiority complex, etc.

C. Gossip- Lev. 19:16. **You shall not go about as a talebearer among your people; nor shall you take a stand against the life of your neighbor: I am the Lord.**

D. Keeping Silent- Ecc. 3:7 A time to tear, And a time to sew; A time to keep silence, And a time to speak;

E. Many lie to God- Acts 5:1-4.

F. Half-truths, Little White Lies and Exaggeration.

1. Abraham told Abimelech that Sarah was his Sister.
2. The ten spies exaggerated their description of people in Canaan.

G. Excuses.

1. Gus Nichols said an excuse was a lie wrapped up in tissue paper.
2. Adam and Eve Gen. 3:12-13 Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate." And the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

V. HOW CAN WE AVOID LYING?

A. Don't listen to it- Mk. 4:24. **Then He said to them, "Take heed what you hear.**

B. Be aware of the source of lies- Jn. 8:44 "You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

C. Imitate Good.

1. God.
 - a. Heb. 6:18. **Which it is impossible for God to lie,**

b. Titus 1:2. **in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began,**

2. Christ.

a. 1 Cor. 11:1. **Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.**

b. Jn. 14:6. **Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.**

D. Love the truth- Prov. 23:23 **"Buy the truth and sell it not also wisdom and instruction and understanding."**

E. Love our neighbor as ourself- Matt. 22:39

F. Speak truth in love- Eph. 4:15

CONCLUSION:

Lying will send you to Hell.

Rev. 21:8- 8 But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.

Rev. 21:27- But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

Rev. 22:15- But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.