

THE SIN OF LYING

**The Willful Deceiving
Someone Else**



DEFINITION OF A LIE

- **Lying:** Willfully Deceiving Someone Else
- **The Devil:** The Father of Lies (John 8:44)
- **The Christ:** The Father of Truth (John 14:6)
- **Satan lied to Eve** – she had never heard a lie before, but she had heard the truth (she was held accountable for her actions)



A LIE IS DEVIATION OF THE TRUTH

- A lie is deviation of the truth. The truth distorted.
- There can be no lie where there is no truth.
- The Truth will make you free.
- It is not the truth which hurt people, it's Lies that hurt.

- Jack Nicholson asked the question, “What do you want from me”
- Tom Cruise replied, “The Truth”
- Jack Nicholson exclaimed, “You Can't Handle the Truth”



GOD HATES THOSE WHO LIE

- **Proverbs 6:16** There are six things that **the Lord hates**, seven that are an abomination to him:
- **Proverbs 6:17** haughty eyes, **a lying tongue**, and hands that shed innocent blood,
- **Proverbs 6:18** a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that make haste to run to evil,
- **Proverbs 6:19** a false witness who breathes out lies, and one who sows discord among brothers.



GOD DOES NOT LIE

- **Numbers 23:19** **God is not man, that he should lie**, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?
- **Titus 1:2** In hope of eternal life, which **God, who never lies**, promised before the ages began



IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR GOD TO LIE

- **Hebrews 6:18** So that by two unchangeable things, in which **it is impossible for God to lie**, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us.



LIARS WILL BE PUNISHED

- **Proverbs 12:22** **Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord**, but those who act faithfully are his delight.
- **Proverbs 19:9** **A false witness will not go unpunished**, and he who breathes out lies will perish.
- **Psalms 101:7** **No one who practices deceit shall dwell in my house; no one who utters lies shall continue before my eyes.**



7 REASONS WHY PEOPLE LIE

- **1) To Avoid Conflict or Confrontation**
- **2) Convenience (Laziness)**
- **3) Habit (they have become use to it)**
- **4) Lie to make themselves look better**
- **5) To Avoid Embarrassment (Shame)**
- **6) To Protect Someone**
- **7) To Manipulate Someone (To Gain an Advantage for Themselves)**



TO AVOID CONFLICT

- **To protect oneself**
- Cain - Genesis 4:1ff

- Abraham Lied – Genesis 12:11ff;
- Genesis 20:2ff

- Peter Lied – Matthew 26:69ff



CONVENIENCE

- Laziness
- Lies of Convenience
- It gets them out of something that they would rather not do



HABIT

- They become use to it
- They have no resolve to tell the truth
- It comes second nature to them to tell a lie
- They have done it so long, they can't do anything but lie



HABIT

- **Hebrews 3:8 do not harden your hearts** as in the rebellion, on the day of testing in the wilderness,
- **1 Timothy 4:2** through **the insincerity of liars** whose consciences are seared,



MAKE THEMSELVES LOOK BETTER

- Exaggerate a story or the facts
- Ananias and Sapphira
 - Acts 5:1ff



TO AVOID EMBARRASSMENT

- To Avoid Embarrassment (Shame)
- Genesis 39:1ff - Potiphar's Wife
 - Afraid Joseph would have told on her



TO PROTECT OTHERS

- Rahab the harlot
 - God did not need Rahab to lie in order to protect His men



TO GAIN AN ADVANTAGE

- To Gain an Advantage for Themselves
- Jacob & Rebecca – Genesis 27:18ff



CONSEQUENCES OF LYING

- Whenever people lie, they are going to have trouble
- There is a shock to your nervous system whenever you lie. Lie Detector test.
- You may not like the consequences of telling the Truth, but it is right.



TRUST IS BUILT ON TRUTH

- Trust is built on Truth.
- Friendships end because of Lies;
- Marriages end because of Lies.
- People have been innocently punished in courts of law because of lies.
- Lying Destroys Your Conscience
(1 Timothy 4:2)



RELATIONSHIPS ARE DESTROYED BY LYING

- Friendships are Destroyed by Lying
- Innocent lives are taken by Lying
- Home are broken by Lying
- Destroys our relationship with God b/c God Hates Lies and Liars
- Revelation 21:8 – All Liars (why does he say ALL Liars)
- Rev. 21:27; 22:15



WE ARE COMMANDED TO TELL THE TRUTH

- We are commanded to tell the Truth and Only the Truth. Anything other than the truth is a lie.
- No one likes to be lied to:
- How have you felt when someone told you something and later you found out it was a lie?
- Lying is being manipulative
- God did not need Rebecca to help him out by deceiving her husband



LIES HELP PUT JESUS TO DEATH

- **Matthew 26:59** Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witness against Jesus, to put him to death;

Matthew 26:60 But found none: yea, **though many false witnesses came, [yet] found they none. At the last came two false witnesses,**

- **Jesus was crucified because of envy, but the means by which he was crucified was - lies**



DO NOT LIE TO ONE ANOTHER

- **Colossians 3:9-10** **Do not lie to one another**, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.
- **Ephesians 4:25** Therefore, **having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth** with his neighbor, for we are members one of another.



ALL LIARS ARE GOING TO HELL

- **Revelation 21:8** But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and **all liars**, their portion **will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.**”



WHEN IS IT EVER OK TO TELL A LIE?

- **Never**



CONCLUSION

- We should always seek to tell the truth -

