



Why You Should Not Lie (Part One)

Proverbs 6:16-19

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Objective Sentence: Everyone should tell the truth and never lie because of its negative affects.

Introduction: Jerry was in Liberty Mississippi right off Route 4 visiting his family. As he was getting ready to leave his Uncle Versie came to him and said, “Jerry before you leave I want you to talk to Newgene .” Now Newgene was the meanest kid that ever lived and the biggest liar that Jerry had ever known in his life. Across the street from Newgene’s his neighbor had this big collie dog and every summer the owner would take a pair of shears and shear that dog. It was a big old yellow haired collie dog. One summer the dog’s owner took his shearers and cut off all the dog’s hair except that he left a ring of hair around its neck and a great big bunch of hair at the end of its tail. Newgene saw the dog and come running in the house yelling, “There’s a lion in the yard! That lion’s going to get us! That lion’s gonna eat us all up! Help somebody help ...! Uncle Versie looked out the window and saw that dog and said, “Now, Newgene you go ahead and get upstairs; I’ve told you about that lying. I’ve whooped you time and again for lying and here you are doing it again. Now you get up there and you pray until you know for sure that you have been forgiven of the sin of lying. If you will admit that you are lying and talk to the Lord about it. And come down here and tell me that God has sufficiently let you know that you been forgiven then I won’t whip you. I want you to pray for thirty minutes and get your heart right with God.” After about thirty minutes Newgene came downstairs. Uncle Versie asked, “Newgene, did you talk to the Lord about lying and do you have a peace in your heart that you have been forgiven? Yes, sir I do. Did the Lord make it real to you that you have been forgiven? Yes sir, the Lord spoke to me while I was up there in my room. And what did he say? The Lord told me that the first time He saw that dog he thought that it was a lion too.

My favorite Geico commercial—Pinocchio would not be a good motivational speaker. A teacher asked the young people in his Sunday school class, “What is a lie?” A young man responded, “A lie is an abomination before the Lord and a very present help in time of trouble.”

Karl Strader, my first Pastor said, “Honesty is not the best policy, it is the only policy.” Half-truth

is not whole truth – it is deceit. Anything aimed at making someone believe an untruth is a lie.

C. S. Lewis: A little lie is like a little pregnancy – it doesn't take long before everyone knows.

Pro. 6:16-19 There are six things the LORD hates—no, seven things he detests: ¹⁷ haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that kill the innocent, ¹⁸ a heart that plots evil, feet that race to do wrong, ¹⁹ a false witness who pours out lies, a person who sows discord in a family. Two out of the seven things God hates is related to deception and lies.

I. Lying destroys Honor (**Pro. 22:1** *Choose a good reputation over great riches; being help in high esteem is better than silver or gold. A good name is more desirable than great riches, loving favor rather than silver or gold*)

A. Thomas Jefferson: *He who permits himself to tell a lie once, finds it much easier to do it a second and third time, till at length it becomes habitual ... this falsehood of the tongue leads to that of the heart, and in time depraves all its good dispositions.*

1. Falsehood of heart (**Pro. 22:4** *By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches and honor and life.*)

- a. **1 Pet. 3:10-12** For whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.
- b. **Zig Ziglar:** The foundation stones for a balanced success are honesty, character, integrity, faith, love and loyalty.
- c. **Eph. 4:25-27** Put away lying and let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor. Be angry but do not sin; let not the sun go down on your wrath. Neither give place to the devil.
- d. **Pro. 3:1-2** Do not forget my law, but let your heart keep my commands, for length of days and long life and peace they will add to you. **Pro. 15:8** The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord, but the prayer of the upright is His delight. **Pro. 14:34** Righteousness exalts a nation but sin is a reproach to any people.
- e. **Thomas Jefferson:** No one can retain honor by doing what is wrong.
- f. **Sir Walter Scott:** Oh what a tangled web we weave, when first we practice to deceive.
- g. **Mark Twain:** When in doubt, tell the truth.
- h. **Heb. 12:14** Work at living in peace with everyone, and work at living a holy life, for those who are not holy will not see the Lord. **Ps. 66:18** If I regard iniquity in my heart the Lord will not hear me.
- i. **Immanuel Kant:** By a lie, a man annihilates his dignity as a man. It is not necessary that while I live I live happily; but it is necessary that so long as I live I should live honorably. Do what is right, though the world may perish.
- j. **Martin Luther:** A lie is a snowball: the further you roll it, the bigger it becomes.
- k. **Duane Alan Hahn:** Liar's motto: If at first you don't deceive, lie, lie again.

- II. Lying Exposes Us To the Dark World** (John 8:44 (Pharisees): *For you are the children of your father the devil, and you love to do the evil things he does. He was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for the devil is a liar and the father of lies.*)
- A. Eph. 6:10-14** *Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. ¹¹ Put on whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against all the strategies of the devil. ¹² For we wrestle not against flesh and blood but against principalities, powers, the rulers of the darkness of this world; against spiritual wickedness in high places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness.)*
- 1. Desensitize** (1 Tim. 4:1-3 *Now the Spirit expressly says that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. Having their conscience seared (desensitized) with a hot iron.)*
- a. *Pastor Dan:* Lying desensitizes our hearts and minds towards truth; it eats away at our ability to believe—one lie at a time. Jesus prayed for His disciples on the eve of His crucifixion (John 17:17), “God, sanctify them by Your truth, Your word is truth.”
 - b. *Pastor Dan:* When we practice lying, resist truth, or deny truth then are making ourselves vulnerable to spirit of deception. The part most affected and contaminated by the absence of reality is our conscience. Error dulls and desensitizes our hearts, causing us to lose the ability to think objectively.
 - c. **1 Kings 22:21** Lying puts us at risk to the plans of the enemy. King Ahab, Israel’s wickedly infamous leader, led his people into sin and God’s judgment. The Lord was considering a plan on how best to deal with him when an evil spirit came forward and stood before Him saying, “I will persuade him.” The Lord said, “In what way?” The evil spirit replied, “I will go out and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.” And the Lord said, “You will persuade him, and also prevail. Go out and do so.” If you are speaking, doing, or living anything other than the truth—you are exposing yourself to the influence of the kingdom of darkness.
 - d. *Pastor Dan:* We are called to walk in truth, believe in truth, live the truth, and not open doors of deceit. When we embrace the truth, refusing to compromise even when facing adverse circumstances, we shall be able to stand against all the tricks and schemes of the enemy.
 - e. **Luke 10:19** You will tread upon serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Closing and Invitation: A wealthy businessman was sitting next to an attractive woman on a plane. He turned to her and said, can I ask you a question? To which she said sure. He said would you be willing to go to bed with me for a million dollars. The woman thought about it for moment and said yes. “How about 20 dollars he asked? At this she straight up and said, “What kind of woman do you think I am? We have already established that, was his reply; now we are just bickering over the price. When you lie you are establishing what kind of person you are; no

matter the magnitude of the lie. Rat poison is only 1% poison and 99% filler. Yet this small amount of poison will still kill a rat.