



## ***Why You Should Not Lie (Part Two)***

**Proverbs 6:16-19**

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**Objective Sentence:** *Everyone should tell the truth and never lie because of the negative affects lying has on our character.*

**Introduction: Sara Shepard:** No one believes a liar. Even when he or she is telling the truth. When I was fourteen maybe just turning fifteen my sister accused me of stealing ten dollars from her. Had I known she had it I probably would have stolen it. She accused, whined, threatened me saying, “You just wait until dad gets home; he will make you give it back to me.” I didn’t take your money and that is it! The truth is that I did not know she had the money. When dad got home she whined to him and he began to interrogate me with threats. Over and over again I swore to him that I didn’t take the money. He made me stay at home that night. Later in the evening he was in the kitchen talking to mom, “I know the boy took that money and when I find out he stole it I’m going to kick his butt up between his shoulders.” He kept saying it until I could not take it any longer. So because I was locked safety inside our bathroom I yelled, “You’re a liar!” Now the rest of the story.

**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.

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

**I. Lying Destroys Trust (Ps. 101:4-5, 7-8** *A perverse heart shall depart from me; I will not know wickedness. **Whoever secretly slanders his neighbor (slander/gossip), Him I will destroy; the one who has a haughty look and a proud heart, Him I will not endure. He who works deceit (gossip/slander) shall not dwell within my house; He who tells (lies) shall not continue in my presence. I will destroy all the wicked of the land and cut off all the evildoers from the city of the Lord.)***

**A. *Lying has become conveniently fashionable in our world today, and many feel the only thing wrong with lying is getting caught. “How do you know if a politician is***

lying,” we often joke, “look at his or her lips – if their lips are moving they are lying.” Lying is tolerated, expected and in many instances acceptable in our modern society but it is also very detrimental to our well being. (Proverbs 22:1 A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches and loving favor rather than silver and gold.)

1. **Lying is Dangerous** (Pro. 12:22 *The LORD detests lying lips,* but he delights in those who tell the truth. Pro. 14:5 *An honest witness does not lie; a false witness breathes lies. Col. 3:9 Don't lie to each other, for you have stripped off your old sinful nature and all its wicked deeds).*
  - a. *Pastor Dan:* Lying destroys your ability to trust God. How does that happen?
  - b. *Apostle John: Rev. 21:8* The one sitting on the throne said ... It is finished! I am the Alpha and the Omega—the Beginning and the End. To all who are thirsty I will give freely from the springs of the water of life. <sup>7</sup> All who are victorious will inherit all these blessings, and I will be their God, and they will be my children. But cowards, unbelievers, the corrupt, murderers, the immoral, those who practice witchcraft, idol worshipers, and all liars—their fate is in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death. *Pastor Dan:* Why are liars included in this group of deviants? Lying destroys trust. A person who lies cannot trust or be trusted. There is a saying: the world gives back to everyone the reflection of his or her own face. A liar will not, cannot and does not trust because he or she judges others in the light of their own practices and nature. A liar lies and believes that all others are liars. Liars *do not trust because they judge and see all others through the lens of their own deceitful heart. So they will eventually, if not from the beginning, judge God by their motive and character.* The liar eventually arrives at the conclusion that there is no such thing as truth and they will say things like, “The Bible, which has been proclaimed to be the Word of God was written by man and all men are liars—so truth is cannot to be found in the Bible. They conclude there is no God because there is no truth (1 Tim. 4:1-3 ).
  - c. *Heb. 11:6* Without faith it is impossible ...
  - d. *Pro. 3:5* Trust in the Lord with all your heart ...
  - e. *Ps. 91* He who dwells in the secret place ...
  - f. *Al David:* One lie has the power to tarnish a thousand truths. *Sherrily Kenyon:* Yeah, it never fails to amaze me how a single lie can undo an entire lifetime of good.
  - g. *John 17:17* Sanctify them through Your truth—Your word is truth. **Truth sets us apart from the power of lies.**
  - h. *Bonnie E. Weil:* Over time, any **deception destroys intimacy**, and without intimacy no two people can have true and lasting love. *Pastor Dan:* This is true in our spiritual lives and in our relationship with God—deception destroys intimacy between you and God. (Mark 12:30)
  - i. *Pastor Dan:* There are five things that relate to marriage that I about in every premarital session that I have with a potential bride and groom. The fourth marriage pillar in a lasting relationship is trust.

- II. Lies Strengthen our Defeats** ((Pro.20:11 Even children are known by the way they act, whether their conduct is pure, and whether it is right)
- A. Jose N. Harris:** *There is beauty in truth, even if it's painful. Those who lie, twist life so that it looks tasty to the lazy, brilliant to the ignorant, and powerful to the weak. But lies only strengthen our defects. They don't teach anything, help anything, fix anything or cure anything. Nor do they develop one's character, one's mind, one's heart or one's soul.*
- 1. You Are What You Do** (Matt. 12:33-38 *A tree is identified by its fruit. If a tree is good, its fruit will be good. If a tree is bad, its fruit will be bad.* <sup>34</sup> *You children of snakes! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks (For whatever is in your heart determines what you say).* <sup>35</sup> *A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things.* <sup>36</sup> *But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment.* <sup>37</sup> *For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.*)
- a. **Aristotle:** We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit.
  - b. **Steven Covey:** Our character, basically, is a composite of our habits. Sow a thought, reap an action; sow an action, reap a habit; sow a habit, reap a character, sow a character, reap a destiny.
  - c. **Luke 6:43-46** A good tree can't produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can't produce good fruit. <sup>44</sup> A tree is identified by its fruit. Figs are never gathered from thorn bushes, and grapes are not picked from bramble bushes. <sup>45</sup> *A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart. What you say flows from what is in your heart.* So why do you keep calling me Lord, Lord! When you don't do what I say?
  - d. **Jerome:** The truth has set bounds. But evil and falsehood multiplies without end; and the more these evils are pursued, the more errors they produce.
  - e. **2 Cor. 10:3-5** Casting down arguments [lies, reasoning, untruths,] and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.
  - f. **Elias Canetti:** Adults find pleasure in deceiving a child. They consider it necessary, but they also enjoy it. The children very quickly figure it out and then practice deception themselves. (Pro. 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it. NLT Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it.)
  - g. **Victor Hugo:** Lying is the acme or pinnacle of evil." Why? The lies of fathers and mothers are passed on to their children. Lies reproduce themselves. The only way to break the chain is to tell the truth.

**Closing and Invitation:** One of my favorite messages came from the study of King Solomon. He was a great man of wisdom, a container of wisdom and dispenser of wisdom but not who applied the wisdom the Lord gave to him. God appeared to King Solomon twice and gave him the gift of

wisdom so that there was no one who lived before or after him who possessed the wisdom God gave to him. But in spite of that fact he miserably failed God and there are those who doubt that he made it to heaven. He began his downhill spiral with **Deviation**. He deviated from obedience to God's word just a little bit at first. ( **1 Ki.3:1** *Solomon made an alliance with Pharaoh, and married one of his daughters.*) Then there was **Escalation** ( **1 Ki. 11:1-4** *Solomon loved many foreign women...and his wives turned away his heart after other gods.*) And finally there was **Domination** his life was eventually dominated by his vice **1 Ki. 11:6-7** *Solomon's did evil in the sight of the Lord ... and built a high place for Chemosh the abomination of Moab, on the hill that is east of Jerusalem and for Molech the abomination of the people of Ammon.*