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Lying Lips

Bill Brinkworth

From a young age, most know it is wrong to lie. Perhaps it is an innate guilt or a learned "no-no" from reprimands from parents, friends, or teachers.

The unacceptance of untruths is universally frowned upon, and the bearer of falsehoods is often mistrusted and avoided. One should learn quickly that dishonesty is not an accepted behavior.

A lie exposed has cost many future suspicions from friends, fellow workers, and casual and long-time acquaintances. Because of discovered untruths, relationships have been shattered, jobs have been lost, and even jail time has been the penalty for many who lied.

Lying lips have cost many much more than ever realized. God also does not tolerate falsehoods and demands people, especially Christians, be true to their word.

God's Word, the Bible, has much to say and warn about untruths:
God and His Son, Jesus, are honest. Since believers should be like their Saviour, Christ-like, we should also be truthful.
"That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:" Hebrews 6:18
"In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began; " Titus 1:2

God hates untruths!
"Lying lips are abomination to the LORD: but they that deal truly are his delight." Proverbs 12:22

God commands us not to lie!
"Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour." Exodus 20:16
"My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth." I John 3:18

Lies are often told because of pride.
"For the sin of their mouth and the words of their lips let them even be taken in their pride: and

for cursing and lying which they speak." Psalm 59:12
***"**The proud have forged a lie against me: but I will keep thy precepts with my whole heart." Psalm 119:69*

Liars twist and change God's truths to enable them to do what they desire rather than what God commands.
"Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen." Romans 1:25

Although usually our weak flesh succumbs to dishonesty, often people may be encouraged to lie by Satan's influence. Since an unsaved person does not typically heed God's commandments it may be easier to follow the leading of God's and humanity's enemy.
"Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it." John 8:44

God knows who is honest.
"The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is blessed for evermore, knoweth that I lie not." II Corinthians 11:31

A good witness of a situation should tell the truth of what was seen, heard, or experienced.
***"**A faithful witness will not lie: but a false witness will utter lies." Proverb 14:5* Also: Exodus 23:1.
"Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour." Exodus 20:16
"A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall not escape." Proverbs 19:5
"A false witness shall perish: but the man that heareth speaketh constantly." Proverbs 21:28

ALWAYS be honest.
"*Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;" Colossians 3:9*
"Let the lying lips be put to silence; which speak grievous things proudly and contemptuously against the righteous." Psalm 31:18
"That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; 23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;" Ephesians 4:22-23
"Deliver my soul, O LORD, from lying lips, and from a deceitful tongue." Psalm 120:2

We can lie about anything, including about being right with God.
"If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:" I John 1:6
"I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth." I John 2:21
"Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee." Revelation 3:9

Because of the rejection of God's will and way, our world has become one of dishonesty, distrust, misdirection, and deceit. It is a tolerated sin among politicians, police, and most people. It should not be.

Dishonesty separates many and breeds mistrust. This must stop for a society to be healed and get along with each other. Start today, especially if you are a born-again child of God. Always tell the truth!

"Your words are the most valuable possessions you have. Do they have great value from those who know you, or are they remembered as possibly a distortion, deception, or a lie?"

Real Christians With A Trustworthy Testimony

Sunday School Times

In her book, Floods on Dry Ground, Eva Stuart Watt described missionary work in the Belgian Congo, and said, "Even among the enemies of the Gospel there was growing secret admiration for those whose lives were out and out for God.

The term "Bakrustu ya kweli," was often heard from heathen lips. It means "real Christians." Far and wide the believers were known as men of truth and men whose prayers were answered.

One day the paramount chief had a big court case in which a Christian was charged with hiding a Mabuda prisoner. At the tribunal, the chief said to the accused, "Tell me, did you hide that man?"

"No, Chief. I didn't."

Then turning to his soldiers, he said, "You liars, the lot of you. This man is a 'Bakrustu ya kweli!' He couldn't tell a lie!"

"A liar is not believed even when he tells the truth." — *Cicero*

The Boss Is Never Out

Sunday School Times

A storekeeper went away for the day and left a clerk in charge. A customer came in and asked a favor of the clerk, which meant he would have to do something dishonest.

"You can do it, if you want," argued the customer, "because your boss is out."

The clerk looked the man in the face, and said, "You are mistaken. My Boss is Jesus Christ, and He is never out!"

"Aye, sir: to be honest as this world goes is to be one man picked out of a thousand."— *Shakespeare*

You Can't Fool God

Granville Kleiser

You can fool the hapless public,
You can be a subtle fraud,
You can hide your little meanness,
But you can't fool God!

You can advertise your virtues,
You can self-achievement laud,
You can load yourself with riches,
But you can't fool God!

You can criticize the Bible,
You can be a selfish clod,
You can lie, swear, drink, and gamble
But you can't fool God!

You can magnify your talent,
You can hear the world applaud,
You can boast yourself somebody,
But you can't fool God!

"Of more worth is one honest man to society and in the sight of God, than all the crowned ruffians that ever lived." — Thomas Paine