



The Sin Of Lying

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Introduction

- How bad is it to tell a lie?
- Ananias and Sapphira
- **Acts 5:4 “...Thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God...”**



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- Lying seems to be more “**respectable**” today than in years gone by
- Lying is **commonplace** today- even among “good people”
Col. 3:9



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- “Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the **old man** with his deeds”



Introduction

- **God** has never lied to you!
- **Sin** was born through a lie
- **Gen. 3:4**
- “And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall **not** surely die”



I. The Kinds Of Lies

- 1. The lie of **malice or ill will**
- Some lie to harm others
- **Prov. 10:18**
- “He that hideth hatred with lying lips, and he that uttereth a slander, is a fool.”



I. The Kinds Of Lies

- 2. The lie for **MONEY**
- Have you ever been lied to where **money** was involved?
- Gehazi, Elisha's servant lied for gain
- **2 Kings 5:22**



2 Kings 5:22

- “And he said, All is well. **My master hath sent me**, saying, Behold, even now there be come to me from mount Ephraim two young men of the sons of the prophets: give them, I pray thee, a talent of silver, and two changes of garments.”



I. The Kinds Of Lies

- 3. The lie to cover **shame**
- Perhaps this is why **Potiphar's wife** lied to her husband
- She tried to entice Joseph and he refused -- then she lied to her husband
- **Genesis 39:17-18**



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- “The Hebrew servant, which thou hast brought unto us, **came in unto me to mock me:** [18] And it came to pass, as I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled out”



I. The Kinds Of Lies

- 4. The lie of **half-truth**
- Abraham lied to protect himself
- **Gen. 20:10-12**



Gen. 20:10-12

- “And Abimelech said unto Abraham, What sawest thou, that thou hast done this thing?
[11] And Abraham said, **Because I thought**, Surely the fear of God is not in this place; and they will slay me for my wife's sake.



Gen. 20:10-12

- [12] And yet indeed she is my sister; she is the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother; and she became my wife.”



I. The Kinds Of Lies

- 5. The lie of **carelessness**
- How **accurate** are we in the things we say?
- **Mt. 12:36-37**



Mt. 12:36-37

- “But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.
[37] For by thy words thou shalt be **justified**, and by thy words thou shalt be **condemned.**”



I. The Kinds Of Lies

- 6. The Lie of **fear**
- This may be the most common reason we lie
- This is the first lie that a **child** will tell
- **Gen. 18:13-15**



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- “And the LORD said unto Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child, which am old?
[14] Is any thing too hard for the LORD? At the time appointed I will return unto thee,



Gen. 18:13-15

- according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.
[15] Then Sarah denied, saying, I laughed not; for **she was afraid**. And he said, Nay; but thou didst laugh.”



I. The Kinds Of Lies

- 7. The lie to **self**
- We make excuses
- **We rationalize** = make excuses for our actions
- We lie to ourselves



II. How To Overcome Lying

- 1. Be obedient to God's word
- Eph. 4:25
- “Wherefore **putting away lying**, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.”



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- 2. Follow Christ's example
- **1 Pet. 2:21-22**
- “For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:
[22] Who **did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth**”



II. How To Overcome Lying

- 3. **Pray for help** in over coming this evil
- **1 Jn. 2:1-2**
- “My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have **an advocate with the Father,**



II. How To Overcome Lying

Jesus Christ the righteous:

[2] And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.”



Conclusion

- **OBEY GOD – FOLLOW CHRIST – PRAY FOR HELP**
- **Rev. 21:8** “But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and **all liars**, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.”



Conclusion

- **Rev. 22:15**
- “For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and **whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.**”