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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 that people, especially Christians, be true to their word.

The Bible has much to say and warn about untruths:

God and His Son, Jesus, are honest. Since believers should be like our Saviour, Christ-like, we should also be truthful. *"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

Lies are often told because of pride.

"The proud have forged a lie against me: but I will keep thy precepts with my whole heart."

Psalms 119:69

Liars 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. (John 8:44 — Page 2)

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 *sAlso: Exodus 23:1.*

ALWAYS be honest.


"Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;" Col. 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

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Liar! Liar! Your Testimony Is On Fire

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Honesty is one of the most important glues that binds people together. Without truth, trust between people cannot be achieved.

Relationships most often will not last when dishonesty is involved. Societies will fall apart, as the only remaining truthful source will be one's own biased, often-changing opinion.

Unfortunately, taking one's word on a subject is a thing of the past for many. It used to be that if someone gave their word on a matter, they would keep their commitment, no matter the consequences, but not anymore.

It is often discovered that a fellow worker's promises mean little. Friends, to avoid doing something, offer a fabricated excuse for not participating. A "little white lie" is still a lie and can cause future distrust.



After watching the news, one is often shocked by the untruths that flow freely from leaders' mouths. A quick follow-up on what the person actually said is shown, and one's apparent falsehood is made public. Yet, there is no retraction; no apology, only further justification of one's falsehood. In too many situations, it seems the liar got away with their deceit and faced no repercussions. Politicians caught in lies often get re-elected, and their untruths are forgotten and unpunished.

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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 nonacceptance of untruths is universally frowned upon, or it used to be, and the bearer of falsehoods is often mistrusted and avoided. One should learn that dishonesty is not acceptable.

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Actual footage of a lawbreaker's crime shows that he was guilty of the crime for which he was accused. However, the violator's own words stick to an untruth, no matter what the evidence reveals. Police have a difficult time determining what happened in an incident because many of those involved lie.

A wayward spouse insists that they were not unfaithful, even though it was apparent to all involved that it was a lie. Children caught in the act of doing something they were not allowed to do, deny that they did it. Proof again does not change their deceitfulness.

Liars are all about us. We, too, must admit that we have lied at times.

"I said in my haste, All men are liars." Psalm 116:11

With the advent of artificial intelligence, pictures loaded on the internet show a political appointee in a compromising situation. Most know it is not true, but some accept the dishonest picture as truth. A seed of distrust may have been planted.

Others, if they realize it or not, slowly discover that nothing seen or said can be believed. Mistrust spreads. Society weakens and becomes desensitized to dishonesty.

Dishonesty has always been a plague. However, in my lifetime, it has never been so unleashed. Society seems not to be

that concerned, and at times has even allowed untruthfulness to be treated as entertainment. Sometimes the heroes of a movie live lives of deceit but are still the "good guys."

Lying was not always prevalent. Satan was the starter and encourager of lying.

"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

However, Satan's creator, God, is honest. He can always be trusted. God's Word, found in the Bible, can also be relied on. It is the Truth!

"That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie..." Hebrews 6:18

God hates all sin, including lying. For that, and many more reasons, we should strive to be honest!

"Lying lips are abomination to the LORD: but they that deal truly are his delight."

Proverbs 12:22

To have a relationship with God and others, one must place a high value on honesty. *"God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." John 4:24*

To get along with others, truthfulness is needed. That is why God demands we be honest. *"These are the things that ye*

shall do; Speak ye every man the truth to his neighbour; execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates:" Zechariah 8:16

Yes, we are all sinners and liars by nature. However, a child of God has a new nature. Being born again can allow us to do all we can to please our God, and being honest is an important step in reaching that goal. We can now make our words truthful and more reliable to others. Our words can now have value!

"Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another." Eph. 4:25

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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 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

"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 wor-

ship 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 to get along with each other. Start today, especially if you are a born-again child of God. Always tell the truth!



"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. Nbr do they develop one's character, one's mind, one's heart or one's soul."

— José N. Harris