

To Tell the Truth

The Ten Commandments

Exodus 20:16

"Fake News," Misinformation and _____

1. Satire or parody
2. Misleading Content
3. Imposter Content
4. Fabricated Content
5. False Connection
6. False Context
7. Manipulated Content

"You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. Exodus 20:16

There are six things the Lord hates, seven that are detestable to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, a false witness who pours out lies and a man who stirs up dissension among brothers. Proverbs 6:16-19

Why is lying wrong?

1. Lying is contrary to the _____ of God.

God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a son of man, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill? Numbers 23:19

You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

John 8:44

2. Lying hurts other _____.

Why is lying wrong?

Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body. Ephesians 4:25

*Friend deceives friend, and no one speaks the truth. They have taught their tongues to lie; they weary themselves with sinning. **Jeremiah 9:5***

*Help, Lord, for the godly are no more; the faithful have vanished from among men. Everyone lies to his neighbor; their flattering lips speak with deception. **Psalms 12:1-2***

Different types of _____

1. The Perjurer

A false witness will not go unpunished, and he who pours out lies will not go free.

Proverbs 19:5

*“Do not follow the crowd in doing wrong. When you give testimony in a lawsuit, do not pervert justice by siding with the crowd, and do not show favoritism to a poor man in his lawsuit. **Exodus 23:2-3***

*The judges must make a thorough investigation, and if the witness proves to be a liar, giving false testimony against his brother, then do to him as he intended to do to his brother. You must purge the evil from among you. **Deuteronomy 19:18-19***

*The rest of the people will hear of this and be afraid, and never again will such an evil thing be done among you. Show no pity: life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot. **Deuteronomy 19:20-21***

2. The Self-_____

Different types of liars

Lying to protect oneself

- Abraham lied about Sarah
- Joseph’s brothers lied to their father Jacob
- David lied about his adultery with Bathsheba

*The man of integrity walks securely, but he who takes crooked paths will be found out. **Proverbs 10:9***

3. The Cheater lies to get an _____.

Different types of liars

Cheating to get an advantage

- Jacob lying to his father for the birthright
- Writing on paper what you don't remember
- Salesmen padding expense reports
- Car dealers falsifying info about a car

The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity. **Proverbs 11:3**

4. Rumor monger and the _____

Gossip is sharing information about a person when you are not part of the problem or the solution.

But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken. **Matthew 12:36**

For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned."
Matthew 12:37

5. The _____ can be a liar.

I know you are Abraham's descendants. Yet you are ready to kill me, because you have no room for my word. I am telling you what I have seen in the Father's presence, and you do what you have heard from your father." **John 8:37-38**

"Abraham is our father," they answered.

"If you were Abraham's children," said Jesus, "then you would do the things Abraham did. **John 8:39**

As it is, you are determined to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. Abraham did not do such things. You are doing the things your own father does." **John 8:40-41**

"We are not illegitimate children," they protested. "The only Father we have is God himself." **John 8:41**

Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and now am here. I have not come on my own; but he sent me. Why is my language not clear to you?" **John 8:42-43**

*Because you are unable to hear what I say. You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. **John 8:43-44***

*He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. **John 8:43-44***

*Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe me! Can any of you prove me guilty of sin? If I am telling the truth, why don't you believe me? **John 8:45-46***

*He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God." **John 8:47***

*The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. **1 Timothy 4:1***

*Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron. **1 Timothy 4:2***

6. The False teacher is a _____ liar.

7. The Eager Listener encourages lies.

"If a person sins because he does not speak up when he hears a public charge to testify regarding something he has seen or learned about, he will be held responsible.

Leviticus 5:1

8. The _____ becomes a liar.

*His speech is smooth as butter, yet war is in his heart; his words are more soothing than oil, yet they are drawn swords. **Psalms 55:21***

*A lying tongue hates those it hurts, and a flattering mouth works ruin. **Proverbs 26:28***

9. The Exaggerator is a popular liar.

*Simply let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one. **Matthew 5:37***

10. Some liars simply _____.

11. Promise _____ are liars.

If you make a vow to the Lord your God, do not be slow to pay it, for the Lord your God will certainly demand it of you and you will be guilty of sin. Deuteronomy 23:21

Integrity is doing what you say you are going to do.

Two cases where lying seems justified

- To protect an innocent life
- In a “righteous war”

How can we conquer lying?

1. Commit to telling the truth _____ of the anticipated consequences.

2. Learn to tell the truth with _____.
“Instead speaking the truth in love” Ephesians 4:15

When words are many, sin is not absent, but he who holds his tongue is wise.
Proverbs 10:19

3. Go back to the person you lied to and tell them the truth.
How painful are honest words! Job 6:25

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. James 5:16

4. Learn to practice integrity in the _____ things.
“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. Luke 16:10

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6

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