

A LYING TONGUE



Faith Apostolic Church of Christ

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- ◉ **The Lying tongue** - A lie is a statement that is contrary to fact, spoken with the intent to deceive.
- ◉ God hates a lying tongue (Proverbs 6:16-17).
- ◉ “The lip of truth shall be established for ever: but a lying tongue *is but for a moment.*” (Proverbs 12:19)
- ◉ “Lying lips *are abomination to the LORD: but they that deal truly are his delight.*” (Proverbs 12:22)
- ◉ “A false witness shall not be unpunished, and *he that speaketh lies shall perish.*” (Proverbs 19:9)
- ◉ Whenever we speak the truth, the Spirit of God is at work, but whenever we tell a lie, our flesh opens the door for Satan to go to work. Satan is the father of lies (John 8:44).

A FORKED TONGUE - to speak in a dishonest way
that is meant to deceive people



“Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made... And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: ... and ye shall be as gods” (Genesis 3:1,4-5)

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- ⦿ “A false witness shall not be unpunished, and *he that speaketh lies shall not escape.*” (Proverbs 19:5)
- ⦿ Hell is prepared for “whosoever loveth and maketh a lie” (Revelations 21:27, 22:15).
- ⦿ “and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone:” (Revelations 21:8)
- ⦿ This does not mean that anybody who ever told a lie will go to hell, but rather that those whose lives are controlled by lies, practice lies and fabricate lies will be condemned. The best way to be sure of telling the truth is to allow the Word of God and the Spirit to control the tongue.

BEWARE OF THE (TRAP) WEB OF LIES



WHY DO PEOPLE LIE?

- To cover or hide something (sin) - Sin covers sin.
“He that hideth hatred with lying lips, and he that uttereth a slander, is a fool.” (Proverbs 10:18)
- People lie to put themselves in a more favorable light (self glory) - This is deliberate deception. Trying to make people think that they are more spiritual than what they really are, i.e., Hypocrisy. “A faithful witness will not lie: but a false witness will utter lies.” (Proverbs 14:5) - (See Ananias and Sapphira - Acts 5:1-11).

NOTE: Failing to disclose important information is the same as lying.

- Don't want to admit that they are wrong - “Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall” (Proverbs 16:18)

WHY DO PEOPLE LIE?

- To protect oneself from the threat of physical harm (self-preservation) or Afraid of consequences - What people may say, think or do
- Peter said he did not know the Lord 3xs!
(Matthew 26:69-75)
- To avoid being punished - Children - "It wasn't me.") and adults - Abram and Sarai (Genesis 12:11-13)
- To win the admiration of others - (self promotion)
- Telling lies to increase your popularity -
Hananiah lied and said his message was from the Lord (but it wasn't) (Jeremiah 28:2-4, 11, 15-17
also read Jeremiah 14:14-15, 23:25-26, 30-32).
Be careful that you don't lie on God!!

WHY DO PEOPLE LIE?

- To get out of an awkward situations - Claiming to have a problem to get out of an unwanted situation, or ending a telephone conversation by saying, “there is someone at the door.” Or using phrases like: “I’ll call you later” or “I’ll see you later,” with no intention of calling or seeing the person later.

Little “white lies” are still lies!

- To obtain a reward not otherwise readily obtainable - Lying on a resume or in a job interview to increase chances of being hired, benefit application, etc.

HOW TO UNLEARN THIS BEHAVIOR

And avoid falling into the (trap) Web of Lies!

- ⦿ Tell the truth! - Trust God to work it out! He doesn't need your help.
- ⦿ Do not be ashamed of who you are! Look to please God and not impress people.
- ⦿ Don't care what people say or think about you!
- ⦿ Do not justify lies ("white lies") for the sake of not hurting someone. (Do not condone bad behavior)
- ⦿ It is nothing wrong with being wrong.
- ⦿ Hold yourself accountable - whenever you speak, even if no one will find out what you said.

The Truth will always come out!