

THE GIFT OF SPEECH, Pt 2

LYING

Christian Character in Action: Lesson 18

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John 14:6 Jesus is the truth.

John 8:44 The devil is a liar, and the father of it. He abides not in the truth.

- When you speak truth, you are aligning yourself with Jesus Christ.
- When you lie, you are aligning yourself with Satan.

Psa 119:163 The man who loves God's Law will be a man who hates lying.

Prov 6:16-19 The Lord hates a lying tongue and a false witness that speaketh lies.

We should not have the mindset that lying is a normal part of our conversation.

- Jesus communicated with people every day and never had to resort to lying to them as a way of convincing them.
- If we walk in the footsteps of Jesus and fill our heart and mind with God's truth (Jn 17:17), we will be able to speak the truth.

Prov 10:18 Lying is often used to hide our sins. You are a fool if you think your lie is a way to escape the consequences of your misdeed. The Lord is involved and always knows the truth. Don't be a fool (Psa 14:1).

Acts 5:1-11 Ananias' lie came from Satan (vs 3). He told the church he was giving everything, when actually he was only giving "part" (vs 2).

Ananias died and great fear came on everyone that heard about it (vs 5).

Sapphira came to church and told the same lie (vs 7-8). She died (vs 10).

The Church was just getting started, and the Holy Spirit did not want it to be associated with lying. Lies are a poor foundation.

Prov 12:17-22 Speaking the truth reveals righteousness (vs 17). Jesus Christ, (the truth, Jn 14:6), dwells in us. Saved people have Christ's righteousness imputed to them. Speaking truth reveals Christ in us. Speaking lies makes people doubt that Christ is in us.

Lying lips are abomination to the LORD (vs 22). Lying is something the Lord strongly hates.

They that deal truly are his delight (vs 22). Put a smile on God's face. Speak only the truth.

Psa 52:1-5 The Lord says you kill people with your lies. Lies are like a sharp razor (vs 2), they are evil (vs 3), they are devouring words (vs 4).

- Scammers are professional liars and deceivers who destroy people financially and lead some people to suicide or alcohol or drugs.
- Husbands/wives who lie to their spouse drive them to despair, destroying their lives.

Prov 17:4 People who enjoy doing wickedness hate to hear the truth. They prefer to listen to people who lie. Liars like to listen to a naughty tongue (empty speech, void of truth). The truth makes a liar very uncomfortable.

Prov 19:5 If you are a false witness; if you speak lies, you will be punished; either in this life or at the Judgment Seat. You cannot get away with any lying. It will cost you to be a liar.

Prov 19:9 Lying may even cost you your life.

Prov 20:17 Deceit will always leave a bad taste in your mouth. It includes “falsehood,” “bluffing,” “trickery,” “misrepresentation,” “false advertising,” “hoaxes,” “cheating,” “shams,” and “impostors.” Lies don’t belong in the mouth of a child of God.

Rev 22:1-5, 14 The New Jerusalem is a beautiful, glorious city. Those who “**loveth and maketh a lie**” will be OUTSIDE that city with the sorcerers, whoremongers, murderers, and idolaters.

- As citizens of that city, we ought to despise lying as much as we despise sorcery, murder, idolatry, or sexual deviance.
- A liar is just as bad as any of those other things because it is **satanic**.
 - The occult is obviously satanic. A sorcerer named Bar-jesus (Acts13:6) was a child of the devil (Acts 13:10).
 - Satan was a murderer from the beginning (Jn 8:44).
 - Mystery Babylon is Satan’s future enterprise, called a harlot (Rev 17:5).
 - Those who worship idols are serving devils (Rev 9:20, Psa 106:36-37, Lev 17:7).
 - Satan is the father of lies (John 8:44).

Eph 4:20-25 God wants us to put away our old nature which is prone to lying and deceit and put on the new man created in righteousness and speak only the truth.