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LYING – A SIN OF EPIDIMIC PROPORTIONS

- God Hates Lying** In (Prov 6:16) we read, “*These ____ things doth the LORD ____: yea, seven are an ____ unto him.*” Number two on the list is “*a ____ tongue.*” (Rev 21:8) “*All ____, shall have their part in the ____ which ____ with ____ and brimstone.*” Regardless of contemporary society’s position, lying is a deadly sin.
- How Society Regards Lying** Perjury is usually associated with lying under oath in a court of law or before a legal commission. Beyond that it is popular consensus that “everybody lies.” Though sometimes distasteful and irritating, it is not considered a “big thing.” A recent president of the USA lied under oath. He remains extremely popular with many Americans. Not only is sexual immorality ungodly, but to dismiss it by saying “Everybody lies about sex!” minimizes both of these grievous sins to petty naughtiness. Christians (Rom 12:9) must “*____ that which is evil.*”
- Does Everybody Lie?** Most would answer affirmatively. It’s a little harder when you are asked if you lie. Folks usually mumble around then say, “I think everyone has told a lie at some point in their life.” If you press them, they become defensive and ask, “What about you? Don’t tell me that you’ve never told a lie.” That’s the equivalent of tacitly saying, “Everyone lies!” The question is not about who lied but whether you, as a NT Christian, knowingly tell lies. Is it a habit with you? If not, do you still lie occasionally to protect someone else, enhance your interests, or dodge responsibility? Jesus said of liars (Jn 8:44) that “*ye are of your ____ the ____.*” The Devil is the liar’s father, not God. The Christian’s father is (Titus 1:2) “*God, that ____ lie.*”
- What Is Truth?** Simply put, it is the opposite to a lie. It is hard to identify truth in a society that has difficulty defining it. We have tinkered with evolutionism, situation ethics, relativism, humanism, etc. for so long that few believe empirical truth is attainable or real. Social intellectuals teach that truth, like beauty, lies in the eyes of the beholder. We still tend to base truth on the consensus of our social contemporaries. Society has become partitioned and what used to be known as “community standards” are about gone. This being evident, truth is relative to most folks and not absolute. John (3 Jn 1:12) avows: “*...and of the ____ itself.*” God’s Word is truth! Scripture? ____
- Truth, Morality & Righteousness Come From God Alone** Since the world at large doesn’t choose to follow the Bible, they have to invent their own truth and morals. Like the Jews of Paul’s day (Rom 10:3) they are continually “*going about to ____ their ____ righteousness.*” If it doesn’t come from God’s Truth it cannot be other than a L-I-E. Remember that lies, especially the more believable ones, have enough truth sprinkled in to fool you. But they are *lies* nonetheless.
- Truth Is Eternal** God’s Word (Ps 119:160) “*is true from the ____.*” (Ps 100:5) “*For the LORD is ____; his mercy is everlasting; and his ____ endureth to all ____.*” Conversely, the devil (Jn 8:44) “*was a murderer from the beginning--- there is ____ in him.*”