

For Our Information

Ricky Ragsdale was sent to the hospital with chest pains and high blood pressure Friday night.

Amy Simpson is recovery from the flu.

Jordan Wright is recovering from the flu and pneumonia.

Adene Gray is continuing physical therapy as she recovers from her recent automobile accident.

Remember one another as we pray to the Father each day

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We want opportunities to speak with others about our work in the Lord's Kingdom.

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We seek only to serve God according to His Will!

Make no mistake about it, God will deal with all liars, those who make lies and those who proliferate them.

No one is immune. The problem is huge, greater than most of us realize. Let every man examine himself and take care about lying. Let every person be impressed with the value of truth. And let us teach our children that all lies are sin.

(Many years ago I learned the hard way that rather than keeping me out of trouble, lying would actually get me in more trouble. Now I am not saying I have always done a good job of remembering this lesson, but it is one of those lessons that I remember. I hope none of us end up missing Heaven because of this sin. I am afraid that more Christians suffer from this malady than almost any other. God knows when we speak falsehoods and He will hold us accountable. DLH)

Seeking His Righteousness

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The Problem of Lying

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I preached this last Lord's Day on the problem of lying. I believe it to be one of the most prevalent and damaging problems in the lives of not only the world, but Christians as well. It has become epidemic. It is in our private relationships, our families, our social lives, our business practices. It's everywhere--at school, at the golf course, at the PTA meeting, even in the church.

Coincidentally, The Houston Post, in its June 4 issue, carried a review of The Day America Told the Truth, a new book by J. Walter Thompson



A false witness will not go unpunished, And he who tells lies will not escape.

Proverbs 19:5



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Advertising Exec., Peter Kim and his associate James Patterson. It is an astonishing look at the morals of our people. The picture is not pretty. For instance:

- 91% of Americans lie regularly
- 63% of American men and 52% of American women have lied to protect themselves.
- 40% of the people interviewed admitted to having lied on job applications.
- 62% think there's nothing morally wrong with the affairs they're having.
- And get this: 13% of the people have had an affair with a fellow worker. And 26% have shoplifted.

What a sad description of our times! How deplorable that people have such little regard for truth, such little respect for morality.

Can you believe that?

A lie is a false statement deliberately presented as being true; something meant to deceive or give a wrong impression. And we all have trouble with that at various times, some chronically. My Dad once spoke of a man who "would lie for a check when he could get cash for telling the truth."

Why do people lie? Sometimes it's done to deceive (Psalms 50:19); sometimes to shirk responsibilities (Luke 14:18, An excuse is not a reason, it's a lie); sometimes out of fear (Matthew 26:69-74, Peter's denial). And sometimes it's done to hurt someone (Genesis 39:14-17, Potiphar's wife); or to get gain (Acts 5:1-10, Ananias and Sapphira).

And yes, there is such a thing as a religious lie (1Timothy 4:12; Romans 1:25). 2Corinthians 11:13-15

Store In My Heart

1Corinthians

6:19

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?

Every action we take is with our body. Since we have been bought by God and God dwells within us, we must be careful about how we use our physical body. We need to remember the connection between our actions and our responsibility to God. We would not purposely spoil our clothes before we went out with our spouse. We ought not spoil our being with the wickedness of sin when we are supposed to be with God. Our whole being, body and soul, belong to God and we need to keep our self pure and righteous for Him.

is an apt description of those televangelists who have duped people in this age by making claims of inspiration or having powers like those of the apostles'. They have charmed old ladies out of fortunes, talked the ignorant and superstitious out of their life savings, while they live in houses with gold-plated faucets or carry on illicit relationships with prostitutes. This is religion?

Some lies are hard to detect. Self-righteousness, for instance, looks good on the surface, but is no more than a subtle lie, an impression created to deceive (Matthew 27:27-28).

One of the worst forms of lying--and very subtle--is the innuendo. It is a rather indirect implication or impression which often takes the form of an insinuation. In fact, the word is from the Latin innuere, "to nod to." Some of us nod just at the right time to leave a wrong or derogatory impression. And one of the worst forms of the same is to not stand up for a friend when you know what is being said is not so. Dereliction in such instances is no different than a blatant lie. I see entirely too much of this among brethren!

There are other forms of subtle lies: To appear to be more than you are. To discredit someone who has been praised. To transfer suspicion. To procreate gossip. To get ahead in line. And that most subtle of lies, self-deception, lying to yourself about yourself.

The end of all liars is predicted. Lying is repulsive to God (Proverbs 6:16-19). He warns against it (Ephesians 4:25; Colossians 3:9; 1Peter 3:10). He will punish all liars (Proverbs 19:5; Revelation 21:27).