

BACK TO SCHOOL

About Dishonesty

Introduction:

1. This series will focus on issues that we tend to think of as those facing the younger generation.
2. However, these matters concern all men – young and old, children and adults.
3. Sometimes, in our spiritual lives, we need to go back to school and reflect upon the teaching of Scripture.
4. Lesson 1 - Influence
5. Lesson 2 - Language

I. The Truth about Lying – God Hates It

- A. In the list of 7 things that God hates, lying is mentioned twice (Prov. 6:16-19).
- B. God hates lying because of what it is (Prov. 12:22).
 1. Lying is uttering “falsehood with the intention to deceive” (Webster).
 2. It means “to cause an incorrect impression.”
 3. It is possible to lie without speaking a word.
- C. God hates lying because of who He is (Psalm 31:5; Titus 1:2).
 1. God cannot lie.
 2. Did Jesus ever tell a lie?
- D. God hates lying because it violates His nature (John 14:6; 17:17).
- E. God hates lying because it is of the devil (John 8:44).
- F. God hates lying because it is a sin that condemns (Lev. 19:11; Rev. 21:8, 27; 22:15).

II. The Truth about Lying – It Hurts People

- A. Lying destroys wealth.
 1. Many lie to gain wealth – *selling something, call in sick to work, cheat on a test, steal essay off the internet, etc.*
 2. However, it causes the loss of one’s greatest possession – one’s soul (Matthew 16:26).
- B. Lying causes trouble.
 1. Many lie to avoid trouble – *speeding ticket, missing curfew, etc.*
 2. However, it only gets us into more trouble – *lie upon lie, sin, hell.*
- C. Lying hurts others.
 1. Many lie to avoid hurting someone else.
 2. In fact, deception hurts others – *lack of trust, etc.*
 3. Ephesians 4:25; 1 Kings 13; Acts 5
- D. Lying destroys society.
 1. Jeremiah 9:1-9; Proverbs 11:1
 2. Without trust, there is no foundation on which to build.
- E. Lying hurts one’s own good name (Prov. 22:1).
 1. Young people, you are building your reputation for life.
 2. Do not harm your influence by being untrustworthy.
- F. Lying hurts the church.
- G. Lying destroys one’s soul.

III. The Truth about Lying – It Is Always Wrong

- A. Right and Wrong are not determined by earthly consequences (cf. Gen. 20:11).
- B. We must be faithful to God, even unto death (Rev. 2:10).
- C. All liars are lost (Rev. 21:8).
- D. God cannot lie – at all, ever (Titus 1:2).
- E. Satan is the father and source of lies (John 8:44; Matt. 5:37).
- F. God provides a way of escape (1 Cor. 10:13).

Conclusion:

- 1. The truth about lying is – it is a sin that condemns souls to eternal punishment.
- 2. Are you honest and truthful in your dealings with others?
- 3. Are you honest with yourself about sin?
- 4. Do you need to respond to the Lord's invitation and obey God's Truth?