



Oh, what a tangled web we weave...when first we practice to deceive.

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You must not testify falsely against your neighbor.

Exodus 20:16 (NLT)

There are six things the LORD hates—no, seven things he detests: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that kill the innocent, a heart that plots evil, feet that race to do wrong, a false witness who pours out lies, a person who sows discord in a family.

Proverbs 6:16-19 (NLT)

A false witness will not go unpunished, and he who pours out lies will not go free.

Proverbs 19:5 (NIV)

I will not allow deceivers to serve in my house, and liars will not stay in my presence.

Psalms 101:7 (NLT)

I. WHY IS GOD SO CONCERNED ABOUT LYING?

① Lying is the antithesis of the _____ of God.

He is the Rock; his deeds are perfect. Everything he does is just and fair. He is a faithful God who does no wrong;

Deuteronomy 32:4 (NLT)

These two things cannot change: God cannot lie when he makes a promise, and he cannot lie when he makes an oath. These things encourage us who came to God for safety. They give us strength to hold on to the hope we have been given. We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, sure and strong.

Hebrews 6:18-19 (NCV)

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

John 14:6 (ESV)

2 Lying is the most effective _____ of the enemy.

[Satan] was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies.

John 8:44-45 (NLT)

3 Lying destroys the _____ of truth.

How terrible it will be for people who call good things bad and bad things good, who think darkness is light and light is darkness, who think sour is sweet and sweet is sour.

Isaiah 5:20 (NCV)

4 Lying destroys _____ in everything and between everyone.

Help, O LORD, for the godly are fast disappearing! The faithful have vanished from the earth! Neighbors lie to each other, speaking with flattering lips and deceitful hearts.

Psalms 12:1-2 (NLT)

II. WHEN ARE WE MOST TEMPTED TO LIE?

1 _____ other people.

2 _____ a financial advantage.

3 _____ the consequences of mistakes.

4 _____ the crowd.

III. WHAT ARE SOME WAYS THAT WE LIE?

① _____

I will not tolerate people who slander their neighbors. I will not endure conceit and pride.

Psalm 101:5 (NLT)

② _____

Gossip is spread by wicked people; they stir up trouble and break up friendships.

Proverbs 16:28 (TEV)

③ _____

How horrible it will be for you, scribes and Pharisees! You hypocrites! You are like whitewashed graves that look beautiful on the outside but inside are full of dead people's bones and every kind of impurity.

Matthew 23:27 (GWT)

④ _____

A flattering neighbor is up to no good; he's probably planning to take advantage of you.

Proverbs 29:5 (TMSG)

⑤ _____

And I tell you that on the Judgment Day people will be responsible for every careless thing they have said. The words you have said will be used to judge you. Some of your words will prove you right, but some of your words will prove you guilty."

Matthew 12:36-37 (NCV)

⑥ _____

The snake was more clever than all the wild animals the LORD God had made. He asked the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must never eat the fruit of any tree in the garden'?"

Genesis 3:1 (GWT)

IV. HOW CAN I OVERCOME LYING?

① Honestly examine my own _____.

Investigate my life, O God, find out everything about me; Cross-examine and test me, get a clear picture of what I'm about; See for yourself whether I've done anything wrong— then guide me on the road to eternal life.

Psalm 139:23-24 (TMSG)

② Ask the Lord to help me _____ truthfully

'You will not succeed by your own strength or power, but by my Spirit,' says the LORD All-Powerful.
Zechariah 4:6 (NCV)

③ Make a _____ to God to be honest.

I said to myself, "I will watch what I do and not sin in what I say."
Psalm 39:1 (NLT)

④ _____ my heart and my speech with good things.

And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.

Philippians 4:8 (NLT)

⑤ Find my _____ and satisfaction in the Lord (Romans 8:31-39).