

Seven Things God Hates

A Lying Tongue

(Proverbs 6:16-19)

- Introduction:
1. The second thing that God hates in this list of seven, is a lying tongue.
 2. In this lesson, we want to identify what it is to lie, and why it is so bad.

I. The Problem Of Lying

- A. *"The Day America Told The Truth"* - 91% of those surveyed stated that they lie routinely about matters they consider trivial.
1. 36% lie about important matters.
 2. 86% lie to their parents.
 3. 75% lie to their friends.
 4. 73% lie to their siblings.
 5. 69% lie to their spouses.
- B. No wonder David said, "All men are liars" (Psalm 116:11).
- C. Do we want to live in a society wherein lying is so prevalent?
- D. Even the realm of religion is not exempt from this plague. "We need to teach our children to lie. To lie judicially, and mercifully but never maliciously." - *The Reformer*
- D. I'm suspicious when I hear someone say, "Well, to tell you the truth..." or "to be perfectly honest with you..."

II. Ways In Which We Lie

- A. I think we all know from our youth up that lying is wrong. Thus we attempt to salve our consciences when we do what we know is wrong.
1. Former Secretary of State once said, "That's not a lie; it's a terminological inexactitude. Also a tactical misrepresentation."
 2. White lies, black lies, big lies, small lies.
- B. Ways in which we lie.
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| 1. Twist words. | 6. Exaggeration. |
| 2. Half truths. | 7. Insinuation. |
| 3. Misstatement of fact. | 8. Flattery. |
| 4. Bodily movement. | 9. Presuming. |
| 5. Gossip. | 10. Quotation. |

III. Why Lying Is So Wrong

- A. It is contrary to the very nature of God (Hebrews 6:18).
- B. It destroys our credibility (Job 27:5).

- Conclusion:
1. While lying is contrary to the character of God, so is speaking the truth in a hurtful and vindictive way (Ephesians 4:15).
 2. The fate of all liars (Revelation 21:8).