

Addicted to Lying

James 3:1-12 Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. ²We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check.

³When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. ⁴Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. ⁵Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. ⁶The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

⁷All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, ⁸but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

⁹With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. ¹⁰Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. ¹¹Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? ¹²My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

James 1:26 - If you claim to be religious but don't control your tongue, you are fooling yourself, and your religion is worthless.

Psalm 119:29 - Keep me from **lying** to myself; give me the privilege of knowing your instructions.

Proverbs 12:22

The LORD detests **lying** lips, but he delights in those who tell the truth.

Acts 5:4

The property was yours to sell or not sell, as you wished. And after selling it, the money was also yours to give away. How could you do a thing like this? You weren't **lying** to us but to God!"

Ephesians 4:25

So stop telling lies. Let us tell our neighbors the truth, for we are all parts of the same body

Exodus 20:16 - "You must not testify falsely against your neighbor.

A Lie is any Distortion of the Truth – any way – any how – any amount.

WHEN YOU KNOW YOU ARE IN TROUBLE: Keeping secrets. Hiding activities. Privacy. Locking devices. Changing passwords. Hiding tracks.

- 1. Minimize**
- 2. Downplay**
- 3. Withholding – Give a little of the truth making it appear that its all the truth**
- 4. Half Truth**
- 5. Boldface Lie - Denial**
- 6. Misrepresent the Truth**
- 7. Shade the Truth**
- 8. Deflecting – talking about other this**
- 9. Defensiveness – Blaming the other one.**
- 10. Avoid conversations where you know you will be asked.**

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