

“The Sin Of Lying”

Lesson Text: **Ephesians 4:21-25.**

I. What Is Lying?

— **To Lie:** to communicate what is false, with the evident purpose of misleading— ‘to lie, to tell falsehoods.’ Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (*Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: based on semantic domains* Vol. 1, p. 415).

— The Kinds Of Lies:

- The Outright Lie— Absolutely No Truth, All Fabrication.
 - The Lie That Is Mixed With Some Truth— Somewhat Believable.
 - Pretense & Hypocrisy Are A Lie.
 - Insincere Flattery.
 - An Omission Or Twisting Of The Facts.
 - Bearing False Witness Against Someone. **Exodus 20:16; 23:2.**
- One Can Tell A Lie, Sing A Lie, Pray A Lie, Believe A Lie, Live A Lie, & Follow A Lie.
- Where Does Lies Come From? The Devil. **John 8:44-45.**
- Satan Is The Father Of Lies- **John 8:44—Genesis 3:1-7.**
 - Not God— He Cannot Lie. **Titus 1:2.**
 - But It Is Satan Who Tempts Us To Lie To Other People. **Acts 5:3; James 1:14.**

II. Why Do People Lie?

- To Manipulate, Control, And Use People For Their Own Selfish Interests. **Jude 16.**
- To Get Out Of The Trouble By Not Telling The Truth. **2 Kings 5:25-27.**
- Out Of Fear Of Speaking The Truth. **Genesis 12:12-13.**
- To Swindle, Extort, Con, & Steal From Someone. **1 Kings 21:7-16.**
- To Ruin Or Destroy Someone’s Life. **1 Kings 13:18-24.**
- For The Fun Or Thrill Of Deceiving Someone.
- For Some, It Becomes A Habit Or Way Of Life— Pathological Liars.
- As A Way Of Drawing Away Disciples To Themselves. **1 Timothy 4:1-2; Acts 20:30 (NRSV).**
- To Escape The Reality Of Their Actions. **Jeremiah 23:14-17.**

III. The Consequences And Damage Of Lies.

- Lies Hurt People! **Proverbs 18:21.**
- Lies Cost Adam And Eve The Paradise Of Eden! **Genesis 3:24.**
- Lies Make Us More Like The Devil- **John 8:44-45.**
- Lies Lead People Astray— Away From God! **2 Peter 2:1-3.**
- Lies Bring God’s Wrath Upon Us. **Revelation 21:8.**

IV. How To Stop The Sin Of Lying.

- Determine Not To Participate In This Sin. **Colossians 3:9.**
- Eliminate The Use Of Lies In Our Lives. **2 Corinthians 4:2; 1 Peter 2:1.**
- Determine To Be Open And Honest With Everyone. **2 Corinthians 8:19-21.**
- Remember, Even If Men Don’t Know When We Lie— God Knows! **Acts 5:3-4; Proverbs 15:3.**