



Where Eagles Dare

LYING

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EXTREME SURVIVAL GUIDE

The Holy Spirit prompted me to teach this Extreme Survival Guide tip on “lying”.

Thinking about this topic, I was again amazed that I had never heard a teaching on “lying” in my life, nor had I ever seen a book or CD about what everybody does, yet God hates and considers to be an abomination. I can understand why though, as this topic makes people feel uncomfortable.

That’s unfortunate, as lying jeopardizes a person’s relationship with God and their survival! If you are spiritually dormant or weak, check yourself for a lying habit as the cause. If you can’t or don’t want to control your lying, look to lying spirits afflicting you, that require removal (casting out).

“By age four, 90% of children have grasped the concept of lying”. *U of Mass.*

According to a 2002 study conducted by the *University of Massachusetts...* “60% of adults can’t have a ten-minute conversation without lying at least once. But even that number makes it sound better than it really is; those people in the study who did lie actually told an average of 3 lies during their brief chat. And I know you’re sitting there right now insisting you would be part of the 40% that didn’t lie. That’s what the liars in the study thought, too. When they watched the taped conversations back, they were shocked at how many fibs they had told.”

“According to *The Day America Told the Truth*, 86% of us are lying to our parents regularly, followed by friends (75%), siblings (73%), and spouses (69%).”

“30% of internet users are looking for love on a dating site. According to a study by *Scientific American*, a whopping 90% of people looking for a date online lie in their profile.”

“40% of people lie on their resumes.”

“6 times- The average number of lies per day by men to their partner, boss, or colleagues.”

“3 times- The average number of lies per day by women to their partner, boss, or colleagues.” *StatisticBrain*

These are just a few statistics from the internet.

Some might say, “But Al, those studies were done on secular people. Christians don’t lie.”

OK, that last line was a joke, since I know that they do. The *Pew Research Center* in 2014 says 71% of Americans identify as Christian (and 32% in the world), so these high statistic percentages of liars cover Christians. Also, I’ve personally been on the receiving end of many lies said to me and about me behind my back, even by many so-called, spirit-filled Christians. I’ve experienced much worse treatment and heartache from those calling themselves Christians than from non-believers! Many have left Christianity because of terrible treatment.

In addition, I know of false prophets that make up prophecies for fame and profit and to manipulate people.

“But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die”. Deut. 18: 20

I know of a “sister act” where one stood up in “church” to give false tongues, with her sister standing up to “interpret”. They would decide in advance what they were going to say in order to manipulate and control the leadership and people to do what they wanted. Their false ministry of lies was uncovered, but not after much damage had been done.

There are many leaders, even internationally recognized ones, who lie to people and have personal agendas in order to obtain power and wealth. They tell people anything to get them to support them and buy their books, CD’s and DVD’s.

“The getting of treasures by a lying tongue is a fleeting vapor and a snare of death.” Proverbs 21:6

Then there are the Christians all over the world that celebrate Easter and Christmas and their rituals, which are lies built on pagan rituals developed by satan (the truth is easily accessible). Even when the truth is revealed to people, I know very few who have abandoned these lies. Tradition, peer pressure, people-pleasing and evil spirits reinforce these lies.

Christians also tell their kids there’s a tooth-fairy, leprechauns, Santa Claus and an Easter bunny, knowing full well that these are all deliberate lies.

People will admit that they see no problem in telling “little white lies” or fibs for fun or to be polite or diplomatic, thinking that these kind of lies are justified, as they don’t hurt anyone and say that they can be helpful.

“These six things the LORD hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him: A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood, A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil, A false witness who speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren.”

God’s condemnation of lying here in **Proverbs 6:16–19** contains no exception clause to lying or that certain lies are acceptable. Note that 2 of the 7 things God hates is lying! Lying is high on His list of abominations!

The glaring difference between lies by Christians and lies by non-believers is that Christians also have lies and deceit as doctrine on an organizational level. Virtually every religious organization lies, compromises with God’s Word and/or ignore parts of God’s Word (which is deliberately withholding the truth or lying). A few examples: the rise of chrislam (islam acceptance by Christians); acceptance of sexual immorality; ignoring the Holy Spirit, including His direction and gifts; idolatry (i.e. praying to/revering physical objects and the dead); ignoring operating in spiritual gifts; lying to people about salvation (i.e. once saved, always saved false doctrine and/or salvation by works i.e. through good deeds or by giving money to the church or the false doctrine of salvation through a priest or a particular religion/organization); ignoring demonstrations of God’s power (miracles, signs and wonders); acceptance of merchandising; replacing the true worship of God with popular songs...

“true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”
John 4: 23-24

It’s easy to identify lies within an organization (i.e. false church/ministry/school), when you compare them to what they say and how they act compared to what God says is the truth.

Let's examine all of **2 Peter 2** (NKJV) about false leaders and lying.

Destructive Doctrines

“But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies (false doctrines/lies), even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction. ²And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed. ³By covetousness (want of popularity and wealth to spend on their own lusts) they will exploit you with deceptive words (lies); for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber.

Doom of False Teachers

⁴For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; ⁵and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly; ⁶and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned them to destruction, making them an example to those who afterward would live ungodly; ⁷and delivered righteous Lot, who was oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked ⁸(for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented his righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing their lawless deeds)— ⁹then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment, ¹⁰and especially those who walk according to the flesh (instead of the spirit) in the lust of uncleanness (sexual immorality) and despise authority (God's will and His Word). They are presumptuous, self-willed (ignoring God's will). They are not afraid to speak evil of dignitaries (spirit-led Christians operating under God's will and God's truth), ¹¹whereas angels, who are greater in power and might, do not bring a reviling accusation against them before the Lord.

Depravity of False Teachers

¹²But these, like natural brute beasts made to be caught and destroyed, speak evil of the things they do not understand (attack and tell lies against true spirit-led Christians that speak God's Truth), and will utterly perish in their own corruption, ¹³and will receive the wages of unrighteousness, as those who count it pleasure to carouse in the daytime. They are spots and blemishes, carousing in their own deceptions while they feast with you, ¹⁴having eyes full of adultery and that cannot cease from sin, enticing unstable souls. They have a heart trained in covetous practices, and are accursed children. ¹⁵They have forsaken the right way and gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness; ¹⁶but he was rebuked for his iniquity: a dumb donkey speaking with a man's voice restrained the madness of the prophet.

¹⁷These (false leaders/false organizations/false “churches”/false schools) are wells without water, clouds carried by a tempest, for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.

Deceptions of False Teachers

¹⁸For when they speak great swelling words of emptiness, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through lewdness (lustfulness), the ones who have actually escaped from those who live in error. ¹⁹While they promise them liberty, they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by whom a person is overcome, by him also he is brought into bondage. ²⁰For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning. ²¹For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them. ²²But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: “A dog returns to his own vomit,” and, “a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire.”

In other words, these false prophets and false teachers have lost their salvation and their judgment is assured, as well as those who follow their lies (see v. 2).

This brief study reveals, that lying on a leadership or organizational level destroys multi-millions of people and is highly condemned by God.

Lying includes all the many cute phraseologies people use such as half-truths, white-lies, fibs, bending the truth, cherry-picking (from God's Word), compromising (with God's Word), withholding the truth, and deception. One of the worst lies that I've run into, are Christians who won't confront, rebuke, renounce or stop associating with liars (and deliberate, unrepentant sinners), reasoning that we should just love them, and not judge them! Such religious philosophy is an infection in the body of Christ (**Colossians 2: 8**). Acceptance of sin breeds more sin, as we can see from the abysmal state of the "church" and the world today. Christ's bride is to be a beacon of truth, life and hope to the world, not a whore! God provides commands on how we are to deal with the rebellious.

"Beware lest anyone cheat you (rob you of your destiny and your salvation) through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ."
Colossians 2: 8

big or small,
lies are lies.

Sure telling the truth isn't always easy; in fact, it can be extremely tough to do at times. But God calls us to be truth-tellers. Being truthful is precious to God (**Proverbs 12:22**); it demonstrates the fear of Lord. Furthermore, to tell the truth is not a suggestion, it's a command (**Psalm 15:2; Zechariah 8:16; Ephesians 4:25**). Being truthful flies in the face of Satan, the "father of lies" (**John 8:44**). Being truthful honors the Lord, who is the "God of truth" (**Psalm 31:5, ISV**). Lying invites and attracts evil spirits into your life; truth resists and repels them (**James 4:7**).

"A false witness will not go unpunished, and he who breathes out lies will perish." Proverbs 19: 9

"Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him." 1 John 2: 4

"But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."
Revelation 21: 8

We've all lied in our lives, but the key is to recognize this sin, repent, operate in the truth and reject liars and lying doctrines. Our survival depends on it!

Save lives... teach God's Truth to others. Good Hunting!