THE TEN COMMANDMENTS
Part IX—Don't Bear False Witness!

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

A recent survey of Americans said _____ of Americans say it's not wrong to tell lies.
Only _____ agreed with the statement, *"Honesty is the best policy."* Dr. Leonard Keeler, inventor of the lie detector machine, has tested 25,000 individuals and come to the conclusion that human beings are basically deceptive.

HOW TO TELL THE TRUTH
There are four things God says about Telling the Truth!

1. TELL THE TRUTH _____.
Proverbs 10:10   *"Someone who holds back the truth causes trouble."*

He's talking about concealing. What kind of trouble? You cause resentment, mistrust, and superficiality. You can get into trouble by not saying what you mean and not meaning what you say.

Proverbs 28:23   *"In the end people appreciate frankness more than flattery."*

2. TELL THE TRUTH _____.
Instead, speaking the truth in love,…..   Ephesians 4:15

Proverbs 11:3   *"People who can't be trusted are destroyed by their own dishonesty."*
Dishonesty destroys. Nobody has a good enough memory to be a good liar.
Lying sabotages success.   Lying destroys relationships.
Lying damages character.   Lying destroys trust.
Proverbs 13:17   *"Reliable communication permits progress."*

3. TELL THE TRUTH _____.
Eph 4:15 *"Speak the truth in a spirit of love."*
Don't use the truth as a club. Don't beat people over the head with the truth.

If you want to help somebody change you've got to remember two things:

1. People change easier and people change faster when you speak the truth in a spirit of love.
2. People always perceive truth without love as an attack.

4. TELL THE TRUTH _____ .
Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.   Proverbs 16:24
Intelligent people think before they speak.   Proverbs 16:23
For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.   Matthew 12:34
For out of the heart comes evil thoughts, murder, adultery, fornication, lying & slander. Matt.15:19

WHY DO WE LIE?

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The heart of the problem is a problem of the heart!

The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it? Jeremiah 17:9

Augustine said there are _____ different kinds of lies.   Here are 5 and their motivations

1. The CRUEL Lie   This is the kind of lie that is intentionally destructive and malicious.
MOTIVE?   Jealousy, revenge, hurt, anger, hate, resentment

2. The COWARDLY Lie   This is the kind of lie you tell to escape consequences.
MOTIVE?   _____

3. The CONCEITED Lie   This is when you lie to impress.
MOTIVE?   _____

4. The CALCULATED Lie This is the kind of lie used to manipulate other people.
MOTIVE?   Greed or selfishness.

5. The CONVENIENT Lie   The convenient lie we tell because it takes effort to tell the truth.
MOTIVE?   _____

So how do I break this habit of lying?   Confession   Spirit filling   Accountability

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Answers:
66%, 31%, Completely, Consistently, Lovingly,
Tactfully, 8, Fear, Insecurity, Laziness

February

Sun., 11th   Small Group - Bible Study at 8:30 am, 8:45 am, 9:00 am, 11:15 am
Church Service at 10:00 am in the Worship Center
Sunday Night Bible Study at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Wed., 14th   Ezekiel Bible Study at 6:30 pm in the Faith room
Youth Night at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall
Kids Ministry— at 6:30 pm upstairs in the children's area

Sat., 17th   Bear Ministry from 1:00 pm — 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Sun., 18th   Small Group - Bible Study at 8:30 am, 8:45 am, 9:00 am, 11:15 am
Church Service at 10:00 am in the Worship Center
Prayer Potluck Luncheon at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall
Sunday Night Bible Study at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

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