

“I Never Lie”- yeah right!

Exodus 20:16, Deut. 5:20, Eph. 4:25, Col. 3:9

Categories & Types of Lies: (all lies are not the same, refer to the article)

- *White lies – (no malicious intent)- seek to protect / please others*
- *Gray lies – (deceptive intent) – seek to protect the liar*
- *Black lies – (harmful intent) – seek to hide wrongdoing, benefit liar*
- Lies of Commission – Falsifying info. / Misleading manner (trick)
- Lies of Omission – Conceal info. / Deny / Destroy evidence

Why do we Lie:

- Self-Preservation
- Revenge
- To make yourself feel or look good.
- To make someone else feel or look bad.

Seven Levels to Lying: (christianitytoday.com)

- You lie.
- You self-protect
- You develop a habit of lying.
- You self-deceive.
- You rationalize.
- You compartmentalize.
- You see it as your duty to lie.

Steps to truth telling:

- Realize that lying is a sin and that satan is the source! (John 8:44)
- Recognize that God hates lying and is incapable of lying.
(Prov. 6:17, 19, 12:22, John 14:6, Titus 1:2, Heb. 6:18)
- Admit your lies to God and repent of them. (Matt. 3:2, Acts 3:19)
- With the help of the Holy Spirit, speak the truth when tempted to lie.
(Eph. 4:14-16, 21-25, Col. 3:9-10)

Points to Ponder:

- Understand that lying is easier on occasion, but its sowing always reaps a harder harvest!
- Understand that lying might seem the better option, but it is never the best one!
- Understand that lying might be accepted with man, but never with God!