

THE CURE FOR LYING

- The beginning of honesty is the confession of _____.
How many lies does it take to make me a liar? _____!

Reputation is what others think I am; character is what I really am. Reputation is what I am when others are looking; character is what I am when no one is looking. Reputation will last for a lifetime; character will last for eternity. Reputation is what impresses people; character is what impresses God. People lie all the time to build their reputation, not realizing that they are simultaneously destroying their character!

- **Matthew 12:34 (GN)** ... for the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.
- If I'm going to be an honest person I have to deal, not with my _____, but with my _____.
- THE ONLY WAY TO STOP LYING IS TO GET A NEW _____!

*You are cordially invited to join us for **The Re-Wedding** next Sunday evening, July 30 at 6:30, as dozens of couples renew their marriage vows in the biggest wedding in the history of Saint John.*

Ten Habits of Highly Healthy Homes

**Examine Your
Priorities**

**Avoid The
Counterfeits**

Take God Seriously

**Renew Your
Relationships**

**Respect Your
Heritage**

**Value The
Individual**

**Protect Your
Marriage**

**Maintain Your
Integrity**

Speak The Truth

**Discover Real
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Habit 9: Speak The Truth

Sunday, July 23, 2000

Exodus 20:16 (NLT) Do not testify falsely against your neighbor.

- **Proverbs 6:16-19 (NKJV)** ¹⁶ These six things the LORD hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him: ¹⁷ A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood, ¹⁸ A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil, ¹⁹ A false witness who speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren.
- **Hebrews 6:18b (NLT)** ... it is impossible for God to lie.
- **Psalms 31:5 (NKJV)** Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.
- **John 14:6 (NLT)** Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me."
- **John 4:24 (KJV)** God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.
- **John 8:44 (NLT)** For you are the children of your father the Devil, and you love to do the evil things he does. He was a murderer from the beginning and has always hated the truth. There is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies.
- **Ephesians 4:25 (CEV)** We are part of the same body. Stop lying and start telling each other the truth.
- **Colossians 3:9 (CEV)** And stop lying to each other. You have given up your old way of life with its habits.
- **Psalms 101:7 (NLT)** I will not allow deceivers to serve me, and liars will not be allowed to enter my presence.
- Lying is simply an intention to _____.
When you tell a half-truth, you're telling a whole lie! You can lie by _____ information, or you can lie by _____ information.

WHY WE LIE

1. The _____ Lie

- Motivation: _____
- This is the kind of lie you tell to get _____
- Before repeating information to someone else, stop and **T.H.I.N.K.**
 - Is it**T** _____?
 - Is it**H** _____?
 - Is it**I** _____?
 - Is it**N** _____?
 - Is it**K** _____?
- **Proverbs 26:20 (NLT)** Fire goes out for lack of fuel, and quarrels disappear when gossip stops.
- **Proverbs 17:9 (NLT)** Disregarding another person's faults preserves love; telling about them separates close friends.

2. The _____ Lie

- Motivation: _____
- This is the kind of lie you tell to escape _____
 - **Proverbs 29:25 (NLT)** Fearing people is a dangerous trap, but to trust the Lord means safety.

3. The _____ Lie

- Motivation: _____
- This is the kind of lie you tell to _____ others
 - **Proverbs 10:19 (NLT)** Don't talk too much, for it fosters sin. Be sensible and turn off the flow!

4. The _____ Lie

- Motivation: _____

- This is the kind of lie you tell to _____ others
 - **Proverbs 26:28 (CEV)** Watch out for anyone who tells lies and flatters — they are out to get you.
 - **Romans 16:18 (NLT)** Such people are not serving Christ our Lord; they are serving their own personal interests. By smooth talk and glowing words they deceive innocent people.

5. The _____ Lie

- Motivation: _____
- This is the kind of lie you tell to avoid _____
 - **Psalms 34:12-13 (NLT)** ¹² Do any of you want to live a life that is long and good? ¹³ Then watch your tongue! Keep your lips from telling lies!

FOUR WAYS WE MUST SPEAK THE TRUTH

1. Tell the truth _____

- **Proverbs 10:10 (GN)** Someone who holds back the truth causes trouble.
- **Proverbs 28:23 (NLT)** In the end, people appreciate frankness more than flattery.

2. Tell the truth _____

- **Ephesians 4:15 (AMP)** Let our lives lovingly express the truth in all things — speaking truly, dealing truly, living truly.
- **Proverbs 11:3b (GN)** ... people who can't be trusted are destroyed by their own dishonesty.

3. Tell the truth _____

- **Ephesians 4:29 (GN)** Speak only what is helpful for building others up, according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.
- **Proverbs 13:17b (LB)** Reliable communication permits progress.

4. Tell the truth _____

- **Proverbs 12:18 (CEV)** Sharp words cut like a sword, but words of wisdom heal.
- **Ecclesiastes 8:6a (GN)** There is a right time and a right way to do everything ...