

NORTHEAST HOUSTON COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sermon Notes - Six Things the Lord Hates Plus 1 (Part 2A)
#2 A Lying Tongue
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Minister Gets the Dog

A minister who was walking along a road saw a crowd of boys surrounding a dog. "What are you doing with the dog?" asked the kindly minister. "Whoever tells the biggest lie, he wins the dog." "Oh, my, my, my," exclaimed the minister, "when I was a little boy like you here, I never told a lie." There was a moment's silence. "Here," said one of the little fellows, "you win the dog."

Scripture Text: 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.

Quote: "If you tell a big enough lie and tell it frequently enough, it will be believed."
By Adolf Hitler

Title: God Hates Lying a Lying Tongue

Prov 12:22 22 Lying lips are abomination to the LORD: but they that deal truly are his delight KJV

Definition: ABOMINATION –Disgusting, detestable and loathsome acts.

Number two and number 6 on Gods list deals with lying.

2. A LYING TONGUE.

What is a lie? It is an outright false statement made to someone when the person saying it knows that it is not true. 2. The untruth, a deliberate falsehood. To convey a false image or impression

It is very sad to see that today, 2018, lying has become the new normal. It has become acceptable by many people and even those in religious leadership. I have heard it said that when a political leader is caught in a lie that he should be given a "mulligan", or he/she misspoke.

We will even lie about a lie. For example: Have you ever heard a person tell a lie and when confronted they will either say that is not what they said, or you must have mis-understood them. They will shift the blame onto someone else, or even they will focus the conversation on the part of the statement that is true.

A statement that contains both an untruth and a truth is a lie. The untruth makes the whole statement a lie.

I have heard the excuse for a lie to be, “I was just joking.” A lie is not a joke!! In every case, the person who says that is telling another lie to cover up the first lie. They will try to stick to that tale for as long as they can.

A statement a person makes that is true but omits a portion of it with the intent to deceive is conveying a false image. Which falls into the definition of a lie.

Here is an example; children often use this when parents ask them, “where have you been?” The child may respond, “Oh, I was over to Billy’s house.” They omitted telling the parent that they were also some place where they were not supposed to be.

Both of the above are half-truths, but a half-truth is a whole lie.

Why do people lie?

Usually it is to cover up another wrongdoing like stealing.

- **Many lies are to impress someone.** These points back to the first thing God hates on the list, Pride. We want to make ourselves greater than what we think we are. Christ, who was with God became a man; He became less than what He was.

This type of lie is the easiest one to quit. Here are just two verses to keep in mind when the temptation comes your way.

Matt 19:30 30 "But many who are first will be last, and the last first. (NKJ)

Rom 12:3 3 For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. (NKJ)

- **Some lies are said to avoid telling the truth.** For example, when a person asks how their hair looks or how does the dress look, the reply may be ingenuous for fear of offending.

Note: I am not encouraging us to be insensitive our brutal in our response to questions like these. We can find words to convey our thoughts without offending. I guess I will have to give an example since I brought it up.

In response to the dress questions, you can say, “I am not so sure that that dress is you.” Or, say the same thing about the hair. Or if it really looks bad tell them in a kind way, “Girl, it is just my opinion, but you might not want to get that style again”

- **Men will lie to women** in order to get their way or encourage her to do wrong. For example: “honey you know I love you.”
By the same token, some women will lie to men to get what they want.
- **Some lie to gain fame, fortune, power or pleasure.** Every sin under the sun will fall into one of the above categories.

There are not different degrees of lying. The term white lie is an attempt to justify an untruth. A lie can be a very damaging attack upon a person. Although it is untrue the person lied about is hurt, the people who hear it, by the very act of listening to it gives it credibility.

Of the things listed here that God hates, **telling lies is listed twice** first as a person with a lying tongue and then about a person who bears false witness against someone else.

God hates a lying tongue.

- **The Tongue is hard to control.** It is the window into the heart of a person. It is harder to control than any part of our body. If we are to be Christ like we must learn to control our tongue.
- **A large percentage of lies told are unnecessary** and a larger portion told are a result of an earlier lie that was told.
- I know my punishment would have been greater at home if I lied than if I came out and told the truth.
- **Parents set a lying example**
We are that way about some things. As parents, have we ever told our kids to tell the person on the phone that we were not there, yet we chastise our children for lying and we set the example? That type of attitude is what separates us from God.
- At the end of tax season; I'm sure there were no lies told there. (LOL) When we are caught speeding, what do we tell the officer? The point is that it is not hard for any of us to lie.
- **What is a lying lounge?**
It is a tongue that tells lies continually. There is a running count of the number of lies one of our political leaders continue to tell. That last time I looked the number was over 3,000.

God hates lies and **God cannot lie**

Heb 6:18 8 ... it is impossible for God to lie, NIV

Prov 19:9 9 A false witness will not go unpunished, and he who pours out lies will perish. NIV

I hate lies not just because God hates them but because they can cause so much unnecessary damage and harm. I cannot stand here and tell you that I have never told a lie. The word of God strikes the preachers even harder than the listeners. But I can truly say that with the help of Christ and the Holy Spirit within me, I do not have a lying tongue.

We all may know someone who lies about everything; everything out of their mouth is a lie. They lie even when they do not have to lie. And some are very good at it, but only for a moment.

It is the tongue that is the instrument of verbal destruction because it brings out of the mouth what is in the heart.

Matt 15:18-19 18 **"But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man.** 19 "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. (NKJ)

James 1:26 26 If anyone considers himself religious and yet **does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless.** NIV

James 3:5-6 **6 The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body.** It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. NIV

James 3:9-10 9 **With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men,** who have been made in God's likeness. 10 Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. NIV

Message Scriptures: **Proverbs 6:16–19**, *Prov 12:22, Matt 19:30*, Rom 12:3, Heb 6:18, Matt 15:18-19, James 1:26, *James 3:5-6, James 3:9-10*

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