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Commandment #9

Exodus 20:16 & Deuteronomy 5:20, “Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.” To bear false witness is to lie. Lying is the opposite of telling the truth. Lying can be disguised under a number of other sins including slander, gossip, deceit, or falsehood, but lying is still lying and it is a sin. Sometimes we try and differentiate between small lies and big lies. Other times we try and justify our reason for having to lie or we try and justify our lie by mixing it with truth, but no matter what our reason or how it is presented, lying is still lying and it is a sin.

Where does lying originate? **John 8:44** – Satan is the father of all lies. Satan is behind every lie. He cannot tell the truth because there is no truth in him. In Genesis 3, Satan deceived Eve by lying to her. Is it no wonder that God hates lying? **Proverbs 6:16-19** – The second thing on the list of what God hates is a lying tongue. The sixth thing on the list is a false witness that speaketh lies. **Revelation 21:8, 27** – What does God say will happen to all liars? Where will they spend eternity?

In contrast to Satan, we have God. If Satan is a liar and there is no truth in Him, God would be the exact opposite. **Titus 1:2** and **Hebrews 6:18** reveal that God cannot lie. It is an impossibility. In Psalm 31:5 He is called the Lord God of truth. Deuteronomy 32:4 “He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.” Truthfulness is part of God’s character. If God could lie, He would not be God.

What application can we make to our own lives? In Psalm 119:30 David said, “I have chosen the way of truth.” The fact is, when we lie, we do so by choice. Every lie is the result of a conscious decision. No one can make you lie, not even Satan. When you lie, you do so by your own personal choice. In what ways are you guilty of lying? Who have you lied to recently? What should you do to make it right with God and man? Ask God to help you be truthful and when you do lie, be quick to confess it and make it right.