

INTRODUCTION

“A lying tongue” - untruth; calculated to deceive; prevaricate; fabricate; equivocate; fib; anything that gives or is meant to give a false impression.

Warnings: (Psalm 63:11 and 109:2; Proverbs 4:24 and 19:5, v9; Ephesians 4:25)

Court system: “Promise to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth”

1. DO NOT MAKE A LIE

(Revelation 21:8) “ ... and all liars ... “

(Rev. 22:15) “ ... whosoever loves and makes a lie”

How lies may get started: inadequately informed; jumped-at-conclusions; careless listening; exaggeration; afraid to admit guilt; un-named sources; cover shame; etc.

Motto - “If your lips would keep from slips, 5 things observe with care: of whom you speak, to whom you speak, and how, and when, and where.”

(Eph. 4:29) “Let no corrupt speech proceed out of your mouth ... ”

(Phil. 4:8) “Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, noble, just, pure, lovely, of good report, if there is any virtue, praiseworthy, mediate on these things.”

(James 3:5-6) “the tongue is a little member ... and the tongue is a fire ... “

2. DO NOT TAKE A LIE

(Mark 4:24) “Take heed what your hear”

When listening with delight to lies, one said, “Both ought to be hanged; the speaker by the tongue and the listener by the ear.”

People say to us: “Have you heard?” “Do you think this could be true?”

“Can you keep a secret?” “This isn’t gossip, but ... “ “Don’t repeat this ... “

Beware of the half-truth.

3. DO NOT REPEAT A LIE

(Matthew 12:36) “for every idle word ... give account of it in the day of judgment”

(Proverbs 17:9) “He who covers a transgression seeks love, but he who repeats a matter separates friends”

4. DO NOT LOVE A LIE - (Revelation 22:15 “ ... whosoever loves and makes a lie”

CLOSE: (Psalm 19:14) “Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer”