

Lie Not

Introduction:

- A. Construct two situations and ask which is wrong.
 - 1. bold, self-serving lie
 - 2. “little, white lie”
 - B. The Lord tells us not to lie. - Ephesians 4:25
 - C. Men have invented ways to soften or circumvent this command.
 - 1. Situation Ethics
 - 2. mental reservation
 - D. definition: “In its very essence, a lie is something said with the intent to deceive” (ISBE. 3:1887).
 - E. What kinds of lies are acceptable to God?
 - I. There are different kinds of lies.
 - A. Bold, Self-Serving - Genesis 27:19-20
 - B. Half-Truth - Genesis 20:1-13
 - C. Evasion of Truth - Genesis 4:9; e.g., not declaring all income to IRS
 - D. Acted Out - Genesis 37:1-2
 - E. Failure to Keep an Agreement - Genesis 31:41
 - F. Rash Promise - Judges 11:29-40; e.g., parents’ promises to children
 - G. Slander - Proverbs 10:18
 - H. Flattery - Proverbs 29:5
 - I. Hypocritical Life - 1 John 1:6
 - J. False Teaching - 2 Thessalonians 2:9-12
 - II. Are any of these lies acceptable to God?
 - A. Where did lies originate?
 - 1. not from God - Titus 1:2; Ephesians 4:20-25
 - 2. from Satan - John 8:44; Genesis 3:1-6, 22-24
 - B. God hates lies. - Proverbs 6:16-19
 - C. So must we. - Psalm 119:104
 - D. We are to speak the truth not lies. - Ephesians 4:25; Colossians 3:9
 - E. ALL liars are condemned. - Revelation 21:8
- Conclusion:
- A. God hates ALL lies.
 - B. We must put away ALL lying or be condemned.