

## Life of Lying

by Robert Notgrass

People openly lie and are dishonest each day. Lying is defined as: a lie, a falsehood, the deliberate act of deviating from the truth and the purpose being to deceive. We become dishonest and lie when we tell something that is not true (1 Kings 13:9-18). A good example of this is when parents at times hear their children crying wolf. What does it really mean to cry wolf? Another good example of dishonesty can be as simple as when the telephone rings and having someone tell the caller that you are not home when you are standing right there. When considering these examples, has lying become a way of life?

Lying has come to the point where some business practices and maneuvers are deceptive and the truth is stretched thin just to gain business. Dishonesty is when we sell or leave a false impression for personal gain. The wise man Solomon spoke against this practice, which was very prevalent in that time, and said, "Bread of deceit is sweet to a man; but afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel" (Proverbs 20:17). Can lying be the same as cheating on a test, taxes or anything else like it? If not, then what would you call it? When one is caught in a lie, do some think and believe that we can continue to hide the truth by creating deceptions? Again Solomon said, "He that hideth hatred with lying lips, and he that uttereth a slander, is a fool" (Proverbs 10:18).

Sometimes being dishonest means that we may twist the truth so that rumors may be initiated or

continued. Lying can be dangerous because it paints a picture of something that is not real. Jesus had a problem with deceivers like this and said to them, "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness" (Matthew 23:27). The simple fact is that lying makes one look good at the moment, but when the truth is told later, it gets them in trouble. And, when one gets caught, do they stop lying or has it become a way of life for them? Our communication ought to be, ". . . Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil" (Matthew 5:37).

We as a society should not be lying to one another, which includes the practice of excuses. Excuses are another form of lying because the reason why this person did not help you, or the reason why they never showed up should never be explained by diverting away from the real reasons of truth. Dishonesty has never been a good thing. Dishonesty with wedding vows will easily tear up and destroy a home. Dishonesty has been shown to bankrupt businesses. Lying and dishonesty will destroy the soul of a man or woman. Therefore, we need to diligently strive to make our lives and character honest and full in integrity. We must never fool ourselves into believing that a lie can or will ever substitute for the truth. We should never let lying become a way of life.



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### **Westhill Works**

Benevolence Program

### **Local Works**

Cherokee Children's Home - [www.chc4kids.org](http://www.chc4kids.org)  
House to House, Heart to Heart  
Preaching Students - Southwest School of Bible Studies  
The Truth in Love - [www.ttil.tv](http://www.ttil.tv)  
WVBS Online School - [school.wvbs.org](http://school.wvbs.org)

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# Prayer List

**Pat Ellis** has been struggling with health issues.

**Eula Parrish** is back home. Please, continue to pray.

**Sandy Perryman** had an accident and lost the tip end of one finger.

**Mildred Wooten** is home recovering. She welcomes calls and visits.

**Gerry Harris** had 5 bypass heart surgery on Wednesday after suffering a heart attack. He did very well in the surgery and is recovering.

**Marie Mayes**, Beverly Abercrombie's sister, has a blood clot in her brain. She is not expected to live much longer.

**Continue to Remember:** Yvonne Ainsworth, Don Bowen, Mary Butler, Florence Dickey, Velma McDougald, Polly Miller, Jan Ross, Rita Compton, Sue Dosser, Doris Eaton, Meagan Gould, Howie Hawkins, Dalton McCullough, Jayme Shafer.

**Service Men:** Clay Bayes, Jason Book, Alston Compton, Robert Johnson, Ryan Payne, Douglas Ramsey, Ryan Stewart, Morgan Weaver, and Payton Weaver

# Announcements

**"We were touched** by the thoughtfulness and hospitality that you provided our family during this difficult time. I know Corrine would be proud of such a heartfelt memorial. Thank you, Westhill church of Christ members, for your prayers. It means so much to us." Love, Steve & Karen Blackwell and family

**"Westhill Church of Christ**, On behalf of our family, we would like to...thank you tremendously for your kind words of sympathy, your prayers, and so many acts of love. The fellowship with your great cooking inspired fond memories of the meals Corrine once prepared for us. It brings great comfort to us knowing we have so many people who care." Sincerely, Tim & Laura McCrory

**"I just want to let the parents** and all of the Westhill congregation know what a special group of young people you have. They were all very polite and well-mannered at all times. Their help with the Leonard church's Vacation Bible School was so much appreciated. They did a great job. You all are raising them right - Christians! The church of today and tomorrow." In Christian Love, Nancy Robinson

**\*\*We Need Teachers** for the fall quarter which begins September 6. We need three 4th/5th grade teachers and a 2 year olds teacher. See Rusty Owens if you are willing to teach.

**Seniors Bible Study** this Tuesday morning at 10:30 in the Family Room. Please, bring sandwiches, chips or desserts for a lunch together following our study. If you need a ride, contact Tim Cooke: 903.641.5515.

**SYS at the Northwest** congregation in Forth Worth this Tuesday. We will leave the building at 5:00 PM.

**The Kids for Christ** (5<sup>th</sup> grade & younger) will be assisting with handing out the school supplies on August 15 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. We hope you can all come out and help with this service effort.

**Discipleship University** This Weendend in Dripping Springs. We will leave here at 9:00 AM Friday. Register online at dschurchofchrist.com.

## Birthdays This Week

August 2 - Kailey Kinkade, Ann Wylie

August 3 - Eleanor Bower, Charlette Stewart

August 4 - Amy Haden

August 5 - Ellen Earles

August 6 - David Shastid

August 7 - Claire Barham, Rita Dominy, Jose Sosa

## Next Week's Class

Daniel Meets the Lions  
Daniel 6-12

## Records for July 26, 2015

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| Bible Class .....  | 153        |
| AM Worship.....    | 249        |
| PM Worship .....   | 131        |
| Wednesday .....    | 168        |
| Contribution ..... | \$7,403.74 |

## Privileged to Serve

**Song Leader** Brody Owens/Tyler Baumgartner

**Opening Prayer** Young Men

**Communion Leader** Young Men

### Communion Servers

Young men from the Leadership Initiative

**Closing Prayer** Young Men

**Nursery** Martha Dowdle & Charlotte Weaver

**PM Song Leader** Mark Blaylock

**PM Opening Prayer** Hank Jett

**PM Closing Prayer** Mike Wylie

**Wed. Song Leader** Justin Williams

**Summer Series** Phil Sanders

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