

# *Lying*

## *Overcoming Deceitfulness and Lying*

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### INTRODUCTION AND EXPLANATION:

Scripture tells us that our God is the true God and the God of truth. Frequently, the Bible itself is called the Word of Truth. And according to John 14:6 our Lord Jesus Christ is the Truth as well as the Way and the Life. Because these things are true, it should come as no surprise for us to be told that God wants us as disciples of Jesus Christ to put away falsehood and speak truth (Ephesians 4:25) and that lying is an abomination to the Lord (Proverbs 12:22). Ephesians 4:15 and many other passages command us to live and speak the truth. There is no doubt about it; crucial to discipleship is being truthful in our lives and in our speech. But we know that believers can still have a problem with deceitfulness because we see in Scripture many examples of believers who lied. Further, we have many commands in the Bible addressed to believers telling them to put away lying. To help you develop and sustain this aspect of discipleship, look up each of the following Scripture passages listed under Section 1. As you study the individual passages, write down your answers from the passage to the questions listed under Section 2 of this study.

### 1. Look up the following passages on lying and truthfulness.

Psalm 5:6	
Psalm 15:1,2	
Psalm 24:3,4	
Psalm 55:23	
Psalm 58:3	
Psalm 63:11	
Proverbs 6:16-19	
Proverbs 11:1	
Proverbs 12:17	
Proverbs 12:19	
Proverbs 12:22	
Proverbs 19:9	
Proverbs 19:22	
Proverbs 20:17	
Proverbs 21:6	
Proverbs 20:14	
Proverbs 21:10,23	
Proverbs 21:28	
Proverbs 23:23	
Proverbs 24:28	
	Proverbs 26:18-19
	Matthew 19:16-18
	John 8:44
	Acts 5:1-10
	Galatians 6:3
	Galatians 6:7
	Ephesians 4:25
	Colossians 3:9,10
	I Timothy 1:8-10
	I Timothy 2:7
	2 Timothy 3:13
	Titus 1:2
	Hebrews 6:18
	James 1:22
	James 3:14
	I John 1:8
	I John 2:4
	Revelation 21:8
	Revelation 22:15

### 2. As you study the above passages answer the following questions:

- A. What does the passage say about lying or deceitfulness or falsehood or cheating or deception or telling the truth?
- B. What does the passage mean? Interpret the passage, write down what it means in reference to lying, deceitfulness, falsehood, cheating or telling the truth.
- C. How does this passage apply to you? In what ways have you been failing to do what the passage says and means? How do you need to change? Give specific ways you have been failing and ways you need to change to live up the passage.
- D. What can you do to make sure that you actually do what the passage says and means?