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SIN OF LYING

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A minister told his congregation, "Next week I plan to preach about the sin of lying. To help you understand my sermon, I'd like you all to please read Mark 17." The following Sunday, as he prepared to deliver his sermon, the minister asked for a show of hands. He wanted to know how many had read Mark 17. Nearly every hand in the church went up. The minister smiled and said, "Mark has only 16 chapters. I will now proceed with my sermon on the sin of lying."



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I received this funny clip from my dear father-in-law. See how easy it is to lie? We often lie quicker than realized when we want to look good before others. Proverbs 12:19 (NKJV) says, "The truthful lip shall be established forever, but a lying tongue is but for a moment." Proverbs 21:23 (NKJV) states, "Whoever guards his mouth and tongue keeps his soul from trouble."

The whole purpose of attending church is to worship and praise the Lord and hear the Word to sharpen our tools as doers of the Word. James talks about being hearers and doers. He writes to the church and makes a profound statement as recorded in James 1:26 (NKJV), "If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless."

My fellow Christian, we are tempted to lie at various times and some of us are prone to this more than others. It's time to change the perspective and see that lying devalues godly relationships by thinking it is the best approach. Christians have the Spirit of truth inside as Jesus is truth! Let truth triumph and defeat the sin of lying.

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