

# SEVEN SINS THE WICKED PRACTICE GOD HATED THAT'S PRESENTED IN PROVERBS 6

The first sin addressed in the last teaching was pride, now will begin to review the second sin, the lying tongue. Since the beginning of time, Words have always been vital to God. God spoke the world into existence through the words he spoke. The way we use our words can either be a blessing or a curse. The tongue is one of the smallest members of the body but has the most impact on our lives and others.

## *Scripture Reference*

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**18** A heart that manufactures wicked thoughts and plans, feet that are swift in running to evil,

**19** A false witness who breathes out lies [even under oath], and he who sows discord among his brethren.

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## LYING TONGUE

In James 3:5-6, we read, “So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell” (AMP). Here, the tongue is the smallest member in the body yet the most powerful, influential, and impactful in our lives. The tongue is like a match that sets ablaze an entire forest once placed on one tree. The words spoken out of our mouths can be just like the match, which causes specific results to occur in our lives.

In proverbs 18:21, we read, “Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it and indulge it will eat its fruit and bear the consequences of their words” (ESV). Just as there are consequences to our actions, there are also consequences to the words we speak.

In James 10, we read, “And so blessing and cursing come pouring out of the same mouth. Surely, my brothers and sisters, this is not right!” (ESV). Sometimes we can speak blessings towards others and ourselves, then other times are the opposite which is a curse. James provides this is not possible especially as brothers and sisters in Christ. The tongue is extremely critical because it produces words that could either be in the form of curses or blesses. Genesis 1:3 said, “And let there be light: and there was light. God used the word said, which implies he spoke the light into existence and the light now became presents. In Hebrews 11:3 we read, “Through faith, we understand the worlds were framed by the Word of God so things which are seen were not made of things, which do appear” (KJV).



If we are to use the Word of God to speak over our lives, we will have the results of what God says in his word in our lives; however, if we speak contrary to God's Word, we are speaking curses that have a negative impact in our lives. It is no wonder God provides he detests a lying tongue. A lie is anything untruthful. A lying tongue occurs when we began to tell lies to have an advantage over others. It can be seen as being false or untruthful. We should not have to lie to get an advantage. Holy Spirit taught me that we can lie to others, but we cannot lie to him. God does not like liars. We can look at the results and effects of a lying tongue when reading about Ananias and Sapphira in Acts 5:1-11.

“But a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property, and with his wife's knowledge he kept back for himself some of the proceeds and brought only a part of it and laid it at the apostles' feet. But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to man but to God.” When Ananias heard these words, he fell down and breathed his last. And great fear came upon all who heard of it. The young men rose and wrapped him up and carried him out and buried him. After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. And Peter said to her, “Tell me whether you<sup>u</sup> sold the land for so much.” And she said, “Yes, for so much.” But Peter said to her, “How is it that you have agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord? Behold, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out.” <sup>1</sup>Immediately she fell down at his feet and breathed her last. When the young men came in they found her dead, and they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. <sup>11</sup> And great fear came upon the whole church and upon all who heard of these things” (ESV).

We see the couple shared with Peter they had sold all the land, all the money(proceeds), and placed it at Peter's feet was what they had received for the land. It was a lie because they had kept some portion for themselves. When you go back and read in the books of Acts, Chapter 2, we know that the church got filled with the Holy Spirit in the upper room. Peter, led by the Holy Spirit, responded that Satan had filled their hearts which caused them to lie. They lied to the Holy Spirit, who led Peter to question the couple. Remember Holy Spirit is God also.

The fact Satan filled their heart implies there was an open door for him to get in for the couple to commit this type of act. The open door I am insinuating was greed and desire to covet what did not belong to them.

It is a sin covet as well to have greed. In 1 Timothy 6:10 we read, For the love of money is the root of all evil which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith and pierced themselves through with many sorrows” (KJV). Money is never an issue, but having a desire to love it more than God and being the motive that drives us to think of worldly success can lead to us abandoning our faith and dependency on God. God struck the couple dead not because they withheld the money back, but the issue was they lied when the Holy Spirit through Peter tested them. We see lying can result in death. The death illustration seemed to be physical; however, at a closer look, it was spiritual death, eternal separation from God.



Since we are now under the new covenant and sins are committed, we have the grace to repent through Jesus and his blood that will allow us to turn away from lying and enter into Jesus' truth for us. The new covenant shows us how we risk eternal separation from God by rejecting to do things he has laid out in his word. When we realize we tell lies we sin against God and others. The only remedy is to repent and ask the Holy Spirit to guide our actions to live a life of truth.

## Overcoming Lying with Integrity

The opposite of lying is being honest and truthful. A better term to use is integrity to combat against a lying spirit after repenting and getting delivered. Integrity provides adherence to a code of values, incorruptibility. Integrity is also defined as walking upright, which implies genuineness and reliability, translates into doing the right thing.

For Example: Certain stores have self-checkout cash registers to speed up the process to purchase our goods; however, after getting to your vehicle with your purchased goods, you realized you forgot to scan/pay for an item. The decision to go back into the store and pay for the item; illustrates the integrity possessed. I have heard several statements such as their dissatisfaction with certain stores that leave an individual justified in not going back into the store because of the store issue with integrity. We cannot combat evil with evil, but instead good with evil as Peter provides in 1 Peter 3:9. *Don't repay evil for evil. Don't retaliate with insults when people insult you. Instead, pay them back with a blessing. That is what God has called you to do, and he will grant you his blessings*" (NLT). We always take the stance of doing what is right regardless of what other people do. As an attorney we have ethical rule to abide by and follow to continue practicing law. We always want to walk in truth and not manipulate things or systems to have an advantage in our live

## Examine Yourself

Jesus was always truthful even when he was questioned by many, yet he stood on the truth of God's word. In your personal time study Luke 4 and how Jesus combatted the words Satan hurled at him.

- Examine Jesus actions and see how those principles can be added into your life daily.
- If there was a moment where you have told a lie intentional or unintentional, take this moment to confess it to Jesus, repent, and ask Holy Spirit to fill you up with the integrity Jesus walked in while on this earth.

