

"DO NOT LIE TO ONE ANOTHER" (Colossians 3:9)

INTRODUCTION

"Lie" - untruth; calculated to deceive; prevaricate; fabricate; equivocate; fib.

Warnings: (Psalm 63:11 and 109:2; Proverbs 4:24 and 6:16-19; Ephesians 4:25)

Our court system: "Promise to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth"

1. DO NOT MAKE A LIE

(Revelation 21:8) "... and all liars ..."

(Revelation 22:15) "... whosoever loves and makes a lie"

How lies may get started: inadequately informed; jumped-at-conclusions; careless listening; exaggeration; afraid to admit guilt; and from un-named sources, etc.

If you lips would keep from slips, 5 things observe with care: of whom you speak, to whom you speak, and how, and when, and where..

(Ephesians 4:29) "Let no corrupt speech proceed out of your mouth"

(Philippians 4:8) "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true ..."

(James 3:5-6) "the tongue is a little member ... and the tongue is a fire ..."

2. DO NOT TAKE A LIE

(Mark 4:24) "Take heed what you hear"

People say to us: "Have you heard?" "Do you think this could be true?"

"Can you keep a secret?" "This isn't gossip, but ... " "Don't repeat this ..."

Concerning these first two points of "make" and "take," someone said, "Both ought to hanged; the speaker by the tongue and the hearer by the ear."

Beware of the half-truth.

3. DO NOT REPEAT A LIE

(Matthew 12:36) "Every idle word that men shall speak ..."

(Lev. 10:16) "You shall not go up and down as a talebearer among your people"

(Proverbs 11:13) "A talebearer reveals secrets ..."

(Proverbs 17:9) "He that repeats a matter separates friends"

(James 4:11) "Speak not evil one of another"

4. DO NOT LOVE A LIE - (Revelation 22:15)

CONCLUSION - (Psalm 19:14) "Let the words of my mouth ..."