



Introduction: _____

EXODUS 20:16

¹⁶ *Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.*

1. The _____ of Absolute Truth

QUOTE: "Lying has become a cultural trait in America. Lying is embedded in our national character."—R. Kent Hughes

ISAIAH 59:14

¹⁴ *And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter.*



2. The _____ of a False Witness

JOHN 8:44

⁴⁴ Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

A. _____

JOHN 14:6

⁶ Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

GENESIS 2:17

¹⁷ But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

GENESIS 3:4-5

⁴ And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: ⁵ For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

B. _____



EXODUS 23:1-2

¹ 1 Thou shalt not raise a false report: put not thine hand with the wicked to be an unrighteous witness.

² 2 Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil; neither shalt thou speak in a cause to decline after many to wrest judgment:

C. Spreading _____

1 TIMOTHY 5:13

¹³ And withal they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not.

QUOTE: “That a rumor could travel halfway around the world before the truth could get its boots on.”—D.L. Moody

D. _____

PROVERBS 26:28

²⁸ A lying tongue hateth those that are afflicted by it; and a flattering mouth worketh ruin.

PSALM 55:21

²¹ The words of his mouth were smoother than butter, but war was in his heart: his words were softer than oil, yet were they drawn swords.

E. _____



JOHN 8:41

⁴¹ Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God.

F. Refusing the _____

JAMES 4:11

¹¹ Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge.

PROVERBS 6:16-19

¹⁶ These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: ¹⁷ a proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, ¹⁸ an heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, ¹⁹ a false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

REVELATION 21:8

⁸ But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

3. The _____ of a Faithful Witness



1 KINGS 22:1-4

¹ And they continued three years without war between Syria and Israel. ² And it came to pass in the third year, that Jehoshaphat the king of Judah came down to the king of Israel. ³ And the king of Israel said unto his servants, Know ye that Ramoth in Gilead is ours, and we be still, and take it not out of the hand of the king of Syria? ⁴ And he said unto Jehoshaphat, Wilt thou go with me to battle to Ramoth-gilead? And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, I am as thou art, my people as thy people, my horses as thy horses.

1 KINGS 22:5-6

⁵ And Jehoshaphat said unto the king of Israel, Enquire, I pray thee, at the word of the Lord to day. ⁶ Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about four hundred men, and said unto them, Shall I go against Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; for the Lord shall deliver it into the hand of the king.

1 KINGS 22:7

⁷ And Jehoshaphat said, Is there not here a prophet of the Lord besides, that we might enquire of him?

1 KINGS 22:8

⁸ And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, There is yet one man, Micaiah the son of Imlah, by whom we may enquire of the Lord: but I hate him; for he doth not prophesy good concerning me, but evil. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so.



1 KINGS 22:13-14

¹³ *And the messenger that was gone to call Micaiah spake unto him, saying, Behold now, the words of the prophets declare good unto the king with one mouth: let thy word, I pray thee, be like the word of one of them, and speak that which is good.* ¹⁴ *And Micaiah said, As the Lord liveth, what the Lord saith unto me, that will I speak.*

- A. It is better to be _____
by truth than united in error

AMOS 3:3

³ *Can two walk together, except they be agreed?*

- B. It is better to tell the _____
that hurts and then heals than to tell a lie that
comforts and then kills

1 KINGS 22:37

³⁷ *So the king died, and was brought to Samaria; and they buried the king in Samaria.*

QUOTE: "It is better to be called cruel for being kind than to be called kind for being cruel."—Robert G. Lee

PROVERBS 27:5-6

⁵ *Open rebuke is better than secret love.* ⁶ *Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.*

- C. It is better to be _____ for
telling the truth than to be loved for telling a lie



GALATIANS 4:16

¹⁶ Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?

- D. It is better to _____
with the truth than to be wrong with a multitude

EPHESIANS 6:13-14

¹³ Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

¹⁴ Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

- E. It is better to ultimately _____
with the truth than to temporarily succeed with a lie

QUOTE: *I like what former President Woodrow Wilson said, "I would rather temporarily fail with a cause that will ultimately succeed, than to temporarily succeed with a cause that will ultimately fail."*

4. The _____ of a Family Witness

- A. Teaching by _____

- B. Teaching by _____



C. Teaching by _____

Conclusion: _____

Practical Tips:

- Establish clear and firm penalties for lying
- Reward truth-telling with sincere appreciation
- Don't make promises you can't keep
- Do not cover for your children if they are caught lying
- Help your older children deal with the reality that the world does not always reward the truth