

THE TRUTH ABOUT LYING PROVERBS

*These six things the Lord hates,
Yes, seven are an abomination to Him: ...A lying tongue, (6:16-17)*

Why do we lie?

- 1. We lie to protect ourselves and others – Genesis 20:9**
- 2. We lie to promote our interest – Genesis 27:24**
- 3. We lie to produce damage – Mark 14:56**

How to be a person of truth:

1. Adjust my heart

For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things. Matthew 12:34-35

2. Amplify the consequences of lying

- It hurts my prayer life – Isaiah 59:2,3
- It hurts my testimony – Colossians 3:9
- It associates me with Satan – John 8:44
- It destroys my credibility – Proverbs 14:5, 25

3. Accept God's standard of truth

Tell the truth:

- Consistently – Ephesians 4:25
- Lovingly – Ephesians 4:29
- Tactfully – Proverbs 12:18

4. Ask God for help

*Deliver my soul, O Lord, from lying lips
And from a deceitful tongue. Psalm 120:2*

