

## July 5th – Buyers Are Liars

*“It is good for nothing,’ cries the buyer; but when he has gone his way, then he boasts.”*  
(Prov. 20:14)

Sellers often get a bad rap for lying. For instance, car salesmen have an infamous reputation for being less than forthright when selling a car. We really shouldn't generalize salesmen or any other group of people, especially since it's usually a few bad apples that are spoiling the bunch. Nevertheless, some car salesmen have used some sleazy tactics to get buyers to sign on the dotted line. With the advent of marketplace exchanges on social media, the days of the lying salesmen are in full swing.

But Solomon wants us to know it's not just sellers who are dishonest – buyers are liars too. For example, how many people have agreed to buy something, only to discover that they couldn't pay. In essence, they lied about their income in order to manipulate the seller. And let's be honest – lying is not just something that touches buyers and sellers. Deceitfulness is something that touches the entire human race. In fact, lying seems to be added to the list of things that used to be wrong.

While God has freed His people from the obligation of the ceremonial and civil laws of the Old Testament, God's moral law has never changed. When God said, “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor” (Exo. 20:16), He meant that dishonestly is universally wrong in every age. That being the case, take a good long look at your life. Can you honestly say that all your dealings with others are truthful? Are you living a life of deception? If so, God can help you exchange your lies for His truth.