



WHAT YOU'RE NOT SAYING

The heart is deceitful above all things ... Jeremiah 17:9 NIV

DECEPTION STARTS SMALL

1. **The HALF Truth** - What is said is true, but an important part is intentionally withheld.
2. **Omission** - Nothing false is spoken, but something important is deliberately left unsaid.
3. **REFRAMING** - Explaining facts to minimize responsibility or shift blame.
4. **The Double Life** - Hiding significant parts of life from those closest to us.

"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much." Luke 16:10 NIV

WHERE DECEPTION HIDES

1. **EMOTIONAL** - Saying 'I'm fine' while intentionally hiding hurt, anger, disappointment, or resentment.
2. **Financial** - Secret purchases, hidden debt, undisclosed accounts, or deliberately misleading a spouse or family member about money.
3. **RELATIONAL** - Discussing a relationship problem with everyone except the person with whom the problem exists or hiding an inappropriate attachment.
4. **Sexual** - Secret fantasies, pornography, inappropriate communication, affairs, or other sexual behavior kept hidden.

"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." John 1:14 NIV

JESUS GIVES US GRACE AND TRUTH

Truth Without Grace can become harsh, condemning, and destructive.

Grace Without Truth can become avoidance that allows dysfunction to continue.

..... speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ ... Eph 4:15

THE DOOR TO HEALING

1. **Confess To GOD For Forgiveness.**

John 1:9 ...confess our sins, and he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

2. **Confess Appropriately To OTHERS For Healing.**

... confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. ... James 5:16

You can only be as **CLOSE** as you are honest.
You cannot heal what you **REFUSE** to reveal.

Reflection Questions

Read **Luke 16:10**.

- What are some practical ways you can build trust in the small things?
- How does this impact your relationships?

Share about a time when you confessed to God for forgiveness and to others for healing.

- What was that experience like?
- How does that encourage you the next time you need to be honest and vulnerable?

Look at the four ways deception shows up.

- Which one are you most prone to fall for?
- How can you proactively protect your closest relationships against this deception?

UPCOMING EVENTS



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