

THINK BEFORE YOU SPEAK, Week 2  
TELL THE TRUTH

"A false witness will not go unpunished, and he who pours out lies will not go free." Proverbs 19:5 (NIV)

"Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth."  
1 Corinthians 13:6 (NIV)

"You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor." Exodus 20:16 (NIV)

Definition of lie: A false statement made with deliberate attempt to deceive; an intentional untruth, a falsehood; something intended or serving to convey a false impression.

"Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator." Colossians 3:5-10 (NIV)

WHEN I LIE...

I return to old practices associated with my \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ and act like the sinner I once was.

"He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies." John 8:44b (NIV)

I speak \_\_\_\_\_

I misrepresent and \_\_\_\_\_

*"You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body."*  
Ephesians 4:22-25 (NIV)

I bring \_\_\_\_\_ to the body of Christ.

I destroy \_\_\_\_\_

*"He said to me: It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life. He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son. But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars — their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death."* Revelation 21:6-8 (NIV)

I \_\_\_\_\_

### WHEN I TELL THE TRUTH...

I don't have to \_\_\_\_\_ what I said

My \_\_\_\_\_ is clear.

I promote \_\_\_\_\_

I'll still have \_\_\_\_\_

The truth \_\_\_\_\_

All truth \_\_\_\_\_ because truth forces a \_\_\_\_\_

*"Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ."* Ephesians 4:15 (NIV)

Truth-telling should be motivated by love, not \_\_\_\_\_

Principle: If I can't share the truth in love, I'm the \_\_\_\_\_ to share it.

If I'm \_\_\_\_\_ about confronting someone with the truth, I'm the wrong person to do it.

The goal of truth-telling is to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Truth should be told in \_\_\_\_\_, face to face.

Truth-telling happens best in the context of \_\_\_\_\_

Truth-telling should always be preceded by \_\_\_\_\_

*"For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock."*  
Psalms 27:5 (NIV)

\_\_\_\_\_ tells the truth.

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