

## Series: Families That Win

### Play #9: Teach Them To Always Tell The Truth!



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“You shall not testify falsely [that is, lie, withhold, or manipulate the truth] against your neighbor (any person).”  
**(Exodus 20:16 AMP)**

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/exo.20.16.AMP>

“Therefore, rejecting all falsehood [whether lying, defrauding, telling half-truths, spreading rumors, any such as these], speak truth each one with his neighbor, for we are all parts of one another [and we are all parts of the body of Christ].”  
**(Ephesians 4:25 AMP)**

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/eph.4.25.AMP>

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### A. The Father of lies

“You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, **and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.**”

**(John 8:44 NKJV)**

<https://bible.com/bible/114/jhn.8.44.NKJV>

- He lied to Adam and Eve
- He lied about Job to God
- He lied to Jesus
- He lies to God about us night and day

### B. The family of lies

#### Slander

“Whoever secretly **slanders his neighbor**, him I will silence; The one who has a haughty look and a proud (arrogant) heart I will not tolerate.”

**(Psalms 101:5 AMP)**

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/psa.101.5.AMP>

“He who hides hatred has lying lips, And he who spreads slander is a fool.”

**(Proverbs 10:18 AMP)**

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/pro.10.18.AMP>

### **Rumor, gossip or tale-bearing**

“Now at the same time, they also learn to be idle as they go from house to house; and not only idle, but also gossips and busybodies [meddlers in things that do not concern them], talking about things they should not mention.”

**(1 Timothy 5:13 AMP)**

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/1ti.5.13.AMP>

“Make sure that none of you suffers as a murderer, or a thief, or any sort of criminal [in response to persecution], or as a troublesome meddler interfering in the affairs of others.”

**(1 Peter 4:15 AMP)**

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/1pe.4.15.AMP>

“He who goes about as a gossip reveals secrets, But he who is trustworthy and faithful keeps a matter hidden.”  
**(Proverbs 11:13 AMP)**

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/pro.11.13.AMP>

“A perverse man spreads strife, And one who gossips separates intimate friends.”  
**(Proverbs 16:28 AMP)**

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/pro.16.28.AMP>

“For lack of wood the fire goes out, And where there is no whisperer [who gossips], contention quiets down.”  
**(Proverbs 26:20 AMP)**

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/pro.26.20.AMP>

### **Insinuation**

“You shall not give a false report; do not join your hand with a wicked person to be a malicious witness. You shall not follow the crowd in doing evil, nor shall you testify in a dispute so as to join together with a crowd in order to pervert justice.”  
**(Exodus 23:1-2 NASB2020)**

<https://bible.com/bible/2692/exo.23.1-2.NASB2020>

## **Deception**

“One who declares truth tells what is right, But a false witness, deceit. There is one who speaks rashly like the thrusts of a sword, But the tongue of the wise brings healing. Truthful lips will endure forever, But a lying tongue is only for a moment. Deceit is in the heart of those who devise evil, But counselors of peace have joy.”

**(Proverbs 12:17-20 NASB2020)**

<https://bible.com/bible/2692/pro.12.17-20.NASB2020>

“Do not be a witness against your neighbor for no reason, And do not deceive with your lips. Do not say, “I shall do the same to him as he has done to me; I will repay the person according to his work.”

**(Proverbs 24:28-29 NASB2020)**

<https://bible.com/bible/2692/pro.24.28-29.NASB2020>

## **Flattery**

“Let me be partial to no one, Nor flatter any man.”

**(Job 32:31 NASB2020)**

<https://bible.com/bible/2692/job.32.21.NASB2020>

“He who goes about as a talebearer reveals secrets; Therefore do not associate with one who flatters with his lips.”

**(Proverbs 20:19 NKJV)**

<https://bible.com/bible/114/pro.20.19.NKJV>

“A lying tongue hates those who are crushed by it, And a flattering mouth works ruin.”

**(Proverbs 26:28 NKJV)**

<https://bible.com/bible/114/pro.26.28.NKJV>

“May the Lord cut off all flattering lips, and the tongue that speaks proud things.”

**(Psalm 12:3 NKJV)**

II.

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### **A. Christ is the Faithful witness**

“John, to the seven churches that are in [the province of] Asia: Grace [be granted] to you and peace [inner calm and spiritual well-being], from Him Who is [existing forever] and Who was [continually existing in the past] and Who is to come, and from the seven Spirits that are before His throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful and trustworthy Witness, the Firstborn of the dead, and the Ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who [always] loves us and who [has once for all] freed us [or washed us] from our sins by His own blood (His sacrificial death)”

**(Revelation 1:5 AMP)**

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/rev.1.5.AMP>

### **B. Christians should be faithful witnesses**

“But you will receive power and ability when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you will be My witnesses [to tell people about Me] both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and Samaria, and even to the ends of the earth.”  
**(Acts 1:8 AMP)**

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/act.1.8.AMP>

### **C. Christians should never be false witnesses**

“**God is not a man, that He should lie**, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken and will He not make it good and fulfill it?”  
**(Numbers 23:19 AMP)**

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/num.23.19.AMP>

“Therefore, **rejecting all falsehood** [whether **lying, defrauding, telling half-truths, spreading rumors, any such as these**], **speak truth** each one with his neighbor, for we are all parts of one another [and we are all parts of the body of Christ].”  
**(Ephesians 4:25 AMP)**

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/eph.4.25.AMP>

**“Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; Keep watch over the door of my lips [to keep me from speaking thoughtlessly].”**

**(Psalms 141:3 AMP)**

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/psa.141.3.AMP>

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- **A home that’s not built on truth will crumble**
- **We can’t teach our children to lie for us but get upset when they lie to us.**

#### **A. Teach it**

**“You shall teach them diligently to your children [impressing God’s precepts on their minds and penetrating their hearts with His truths] and shall speak of them when you sit in your house and when you walk on the road and when you lie down and when you get up. And you shall bind them as a sign on your hand (forearm), and they shall be used as bands (frontals, frontlets) on your forehead.”**

**(Deuteronomy 6:7-8 AMP)**

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/deu.6.7-8.AMP>

#### **B. Exemplify it**

**“Let no one look down on [you because of] your youth, but be an example and set a pattern for the believers in**



speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in [moral] purity.”

**(1 Timothy 4:12 AMP)**

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/1ti.4.12.AMP>

**“For I gave you [this as] an example, so that you should do [in turn] as I did to you.”**

**(John 13:15 AMP)**

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/jhn.13.15.AMP>

### **C. Discipline it**

**“He who withholds the rod [of discipline] hates his son, But he who loves him disciplines and trains him diligently and appropriately [with wisdom and love].”**

**(Proverbs 13:24 AMP)**

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/pro.13.24.AMP>

**What is the Holy Spirit saying to me through this message?**

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**Answer Key:**

**I. The liability of a false witness**

**II. The reliability of a faithful witness**

**III. The responsibility of family witness**