

Lying

It Came From Within, Part 4

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For from the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, all sexual immorality, theft, lying, and slander. These are what defile you.
Matt 15:19-20

Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, “Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.” But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. All you need to say is simply “Yes,” or “No”; anything beyond this comes from the evil one. Matthew 5:33-37

Woe to you, blind guides! You say, “If anyone swears by the temple, it means nothing; but whoever swears by the gold of the temple is bound by the oath.” You blind fools! Which is greater: the gold, or the temple that makes the gold sacred? You also say, “If anyone swears by the altar, it means nothing; but whoever swears by the gift on the altar is bound by the oath.” You blind men! Which is greater: the gift, or the altar that makes the gift sacred? Therefore, anyone who swears by the altar swears by it and by everything on it. And anyone who swears by the temple swears by it and by the one who dwells in it. And anyone who swears by heaven swears by God's throne and by the one who sits on it. Matthew 23:16-22

TO LIVE WITH INTEGRITY:

1. My words must _____

Why do we lie?

- **The cruel lie**
- **The cowardly lie**
- **The conceited lie**
- **The calculated lie**
- **The convenient lie**

Let our lives lovingly express the truth in all things speaking truly, dealing truly, living truly. Ephesians 4:15(Amp)

2. My words must _____

Doing what is right makes a nation great. Proverbs 14:34(NCV)

*People who do not believe are living all around you ... Live such good lives that they will see the good things you do and will give glory to God on the day when Christ comes again.
1 Peter 2:12(NCV)*

3. My words must _____

The LORD hates those who tell lies but is pleased with those who keep their promises. Proverbs 12:22(NCV)

Do not make a promise in my name if you do not intend to keep it; that brings disgrace on my name. Leviticus 19:12(GN)

Out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. Matthew 12:34

**All scriptures from TNIV unless otherwise noted*