



Overcoming Lies

Why do people lie?

- **Because it's become natural.**

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)

- **To protect ourselves.**
- **Selfish gain.**

A fortune made by a lying tongue is a fleeting vapor and a deadly snare. (Proverbs 21:6, NIV)

...better to be poor than a liar. (Proverbs 19:22b, NIV)

How do people lie?

- **Deception.**

Not a word from their mouth can be trusted; their heart is filled with destruction. Their throat is an open grave; with their tongue they speak deceit. (Psalm 5:9, NIV)

- **Dishonesty.**
- **Flattery.**

A lying tongue hates those it hurts, and a flattering mouth works ruin. (Proverbs 26:28, NIV)



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What is the damage caused by lying?

- **The snowball effect.**
- **It adds to the problem.**
- **Others are affected**

How do I overcome lying?

- **I understand the consequences.**

Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied to men but to God." When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. (Acts 5:3-5a, NIV)

- **Hate it.**

The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in men who are truthful. (Proverbs 12:22, NIV)

- **I practice honesty.**

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! (2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV)