



## The Text: Exodus 20:16

You shall not give false testimony  
against your neighbor.

*(Page 118 in the sanctuary Bible)*

## What is false testimony (a lie?)

a lie =

### Definitions:

lie (verb)= to deceive by making a false impression

lie (noun)= an intentionally false statement or  
impression **Webster's New World Dictionary**, p. 572-3

false (Hebrew: *sheqer*)= an untruth, without a  
cause, deceit, falsehood, liar, vain, wrongful  
testimony (Hebrew: *ayd*)= a witness, a recorder

## Why is this in the 10 Commandments?

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- **Proverbs 6:16-19** The Lord hates haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, a false witness who pours out lies and a man who stirs up dissension among brothers.
- **Proverbs 12:22** The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in men who are truthful.
- **Proverbs 21:6** A fortune made by a lying tongue is a fleeting vapor and a deadly snare.
- **Ephesians 4:25** Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully.

### Defense mechanisms used to misrepresent the truth to others & ourselves:

◆D \_\_\_\_\_ = *screening out disagreeable realities, refusing to acknowledge them*

- **James 3:14 & 16** But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. ...<sup>16</sup>For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

◆R \_\_\_\_\_ = *"logical", socially approved reasons that justify one's behavior*

- **2 Kings 5:20** Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said to himself, "My master was too easy on Naaman, this Aramean, by not accepting from him what he brought. As surely as the Lord lives, I will run after him and get something from him."

◆P \_\_\_\_\_ = *placing blame for one's shortcomings or misdeeds on others*

- **Genesis 3:12-13** The man said, "The woman you put here with me--she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it." <sup>13</sup> Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

## Personal Inventory Questions (that help us avoid lies)

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**Romans 12:2**  
 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

● **Genesis 3:4-5** "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. <sup>5</sup>"For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

**A Sinner's Prayer**  
 Lord, I am a sinner who has offended you. Please forgive me. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for my sins and I place my trust in Christ's sacrifice as the only way to be right with you. Thank you for loving me and coming into my heart. In Jesus' name, Amen.

# Practical Therapy for Liars

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- **Proverbs 27:6** Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses.
- **Proverbs 27:9** The pleasantness of one's friend springs from his earnest counsel.



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# TAP

T - **key Truths** = Summary thoughts, principles to live by, observations to remember.

A - **practical Application** = How should I respond? What action can I take?

P - **my Prayer response** = My expression to God from what I am reading/thinking.

<b>Date:</b> Mon. June 7	<b>Proverbs 6:16-19, Proverbs 12:22</b>
<b>T</b> <sup>-KEY-</sup> <b>TRUTHS</b>	
<b>A</b> <sup>-PRACTICAL-</sup> <b>APPLICATION</b>	
<b>P</b> <sup>-MY</sup> <b>PRAYER</b> <small>RESPONSE</small>	

<b>Date:</b> Tue. June 8	<b>Genesis 3:1-19</b>
<b>T</b> <sup>-KEY-</sup> <b>TRUTHS</b>	
<b>A</b> <sup>-PRACTICAL-</sup> <b>APPLICATION</b>	
<b>P</b> <sup>-MY</sup> <b>PRAYER</b> <small>RESPONSE</small>	

<b>Date:</b> Wed. June 9	<b>Ephesians 4:25-32</b>
<b>T</b> <sup>-KEY-</sup> <b>TRUTHS</b>	
<b>A</b> <sup>-PRACTICAL-</sup> <b>APPLICATION</b>	
<b>P</b> <sup>-MY</sup> <b>PRAYER</b> <small>RESPONSE</small>	

<b>Date:</b> Thur. June 10	<b>2 Kings 5:1-27</b>
<b>T</b> <sup>-KEY-</sup> <b>TRUTHS</b>	
<b>A</b> <sup>-PRACTICAL-</sup> <b>APPLICATION</b>	
<b>P</b> <sup>-MY</sup> <b>PRAYER</b> <small>RESPONSE</small>	

<b>Date:</b> Fri. June 11	<b>Proverbs 27:6 &amp; 9</b>
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