

The Struggles that Surround us - 6

This is totally your study. Nobody will be instructing you and nobody will be grading you. It will just be you, your Bible, these lessons, your own paper, and of course, the Holy Spirit guiding and teaching you.

STRUGGLE	Lies & Liars
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Why do people lie?

- 1. To protect themselves from punishment or embarrassment*
- 2. To cause others to think more highly of us*
- 3. To deliberately hurt others in the pursuit of exalting ourselves*
- 4. To hide the truth so that we can get our own way*

These 4 reasons appear to be pre-meditated & deliberate ("on purpose"). There are probably people out there who are chronic liars & can't help it anymore. Either they are mentally unbalanced or have a dead conscience.

1. What does the Bible say about liars? Match verse with answer.

a. Proverbs 10:18	___ Their source is the devil
b. Proverbs 12:22	___ They are hiding hatred
c. Proverbs 12:19	___ God hates the lying
d. Proverbs 19:9	___ God knows the truth
e. Proverbs 19:22	___ The lying will come to an end
f. Psalm 44:21	___ The liars will be revealed
g. Psalm 62:4	___ Liars are worse than poor people
h. Luke 8:17	___ The liars have a deadened conscience
i. John 8:44	___ The liars are hypocrites
j. 1 Timothy 4:2	___ The liars will be punished

2. What is an alternative (a better way) to lying?

a. Proverbs 12:22	_____
b. Proverbs 19:22	_____
c. Proverbs 13:5	_____
d. Proverbs 31:26	_____
e. Proverbs 12:18	_____
f. Proverbs 15:2	_____
g. Proverbs 10:20	_____
h. Proverbs 10:32	_____

It is hard not to be angry & hurt when liars are at work. Why do they get away with it, but I never do? Why do they keep doing it? People actually believe them. Should I wish them dead or banish them to hell?

3. Has someone lied about you in your past? ___Yes ___No If yes, how did you handle it? _____

If Satan is the father of lies, and if Satan is the god of this world, and if Satan deceives people to think & do evil, why are we surprised that we are surrounded by lies and liars? It is the fallen world we live in. We need to quit complaining about it.

You may not like this, but we need to use the three offensive strategies: (Match)

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| 4. Exodus 20:16 | a. ___ Love & Pray for them |
| 5. Matthew 5:44 | b. ___ Do not lie yourself |
| 6. Colossians 3:13 | c. ___ Forgive them |

*We are surrounded by lies & liars. MAKE SURE **YOU DON'T LIE.**
FORGIVE THOSE WHO LIE.
LOVE & PRAY FOR THOSE WHO LIE.*

You say, "What's the point? They will never know & they will never change." God knows them; God loves them; God has already forgiven them.

7. How can our lives shine in the middle of worldwide lying & evil?
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| a. Proverbs 12:22 | _____ |
| b. Proverbs 15:1 | _____ |
| c. Proverbs 15:2 | _____ |
| d. Proverbs 6:12 | I will not be a wicked & _____ person. |
| e. Proverbs 6:12 | I will not walk with a _____ mouth. |
| f. Proverbs 6:13 | I will not communicate deceitfully with my _____. |
| g. Proverbs 6:13 | I will not deceitfully change directions with my _____. |
| h. Proverbs 6:13 | I will not hurtfully point out people with my _____. |
| i. Proverbs 6:14 | I will not fill my heart with _____. |
| j. Proverbs 6:14 | I will not devise evil or cause disunity. |

The world has a blindness. We cannot fix that. We must shine bright so that we will be blessed, so that people will notice, and so that God will be pleased. This is the time for us to know, grow, & show.