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Those who engage in lying are foolish. "He that hideth hatred with lying lips, and he that uttereth a slander, is a fool" (Prov. 10:18). "Remove from me the way of lying; and grant me thy law graciously" (Psa. 119:29).

The Bible is also very plain as to the ultimate fate of those who continue in lying. "...And all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone" (Rev. 21:8b).

According to the actions of many, lying is not as bad as some other sins. One who is found to be lying about a matter usually receives little correction or criticism compared to one who is found to be an adulterer or a murderer. Yet, in Paul's list of the works of the flesh (Gal. 5:19-21), those things we usually consider "less sinful" are right in the middle of the list. We must also note that the Bible does not make the usual distinction in lies that men make, such as, "little white lies" and other kinds of lies.

Can this problem be overcome in one's life? Indeed it can. When it is our aim to "provide things honest in the sight of all men" (Rom. 12:17b), lying will be put out. When our thoughts are centered on "whatsoever things are honest" (Phil. 4:8), lying will be avoided. When we decide to "walk honestly toward them that are without" (1 Thess. 4:12a), lying will be absent from our lives.

One final admonition — "For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned" (Matt. 12:37).

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### Feature Preacher



Bowers, Dr. Calvin H. (1932-2014)

Born in Selmer, Tennessee. Calvin H. Bowers was the eighth child of Ollie Bowers' nine children. While attending Pepperdine University in Malibu, California, Bowers was hired by the Figueroa Church of Christ as the Minister of Education and was later named as an Associate Minister. From 1967 to 1969, Bowers served as Academic Dean of Southwestern Christian College in Terrell, Texas. Bowers returned to Pepperdine and served as Dean of Ethnic and Urban Studies from 1969 to 1976. He served as Director of Equal Opportunity and Professor of Communication and Religion from 1976 to 2004. He also served as special assistant to the president of Pepperdine.

Bowers continued his education at Pepperdine earning two Masters degrees before completing a Doctorate in 1981 at the University of Southern California. From 1994 to 2010, he served as the successor to Dr. R. N. Hogan in the pulpit of the Figueroa congregation. Bowers authored two books during his career as an educator and Minister. The first book is entitled Realizing the California Dream: A History of the African American Churches of Christ in Los Angeles from 1902 to 2000. The second book is entitled Ollie's Kids: A Family's Journey. Minister Calvin H. Bowers passed away in the city Los Angeles, California, after a lengthy illness on August 8, 2014, at the age of 82.



### God's Plan of Salvation



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Sunday Morning: 10:30 am

Church of Christ at Rock Springs Rd Bible Class is inviting you to a scheduled online meeting.

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7704829724>

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## THE SIN OF LYING

Perhaps one of the most prominent sins is a misuse of the tongue, and that includes the sin of lying. There is much in God's word relative to it. Included in the Biblical references are such phrases as "lying vanities" (Psa. 31:6), "lying lips" (Psa. 21:18; 120:2; Prov. 10:18; 12:22; 17:7), "lying tongue" (Psa. 109:2; Prov. 6:17; 12:19), "lying words" (Prov. 32:7; Jer. 7:4,8); "lying wonders" (2 Thess. 2:9). Of all the references concerning lying, not one of them is complimentary. Other Biblical references include the appearance of the words "liar" and "liars" over 20 times. As we shall see in this article, those engaged in such will not be in heaven. Thus, it is a very serious matter.

The word "lie" (according to Vine's) is "a falsehood," that which is "calculated to deceive," "speaking falsely, to deceive by lies." Therefore, we are dealing with a deliberate and willful perversion of truth for the express purpose of misleading. Such is accomplished in various ways. The most obvious means of lying is the telling of something we know is untruthful. Biblical examples can be found as Cain denied knowing the whereabouts of his brother Abel (Gen. 4). Another example is that of Peter denying his association with our Lord (Matt. 26). When we tell people we will do something, knowing all the time we are not going to do it, we have lied.

There are other ways of lying. The definition of the word involves the idea of deception. We often make statements which are not false in themselves, but the intent is to

leave a wrong impression. Telling "half truths" is another way of lying. Perhaps the case of Abraham and Sarah would be a good example of this. Ananias and Sapphira would serve as a New Testament example. Even by our silence we could leave the wrong impression and deceive someone. With these ideas in mind, we should be impressed with the need to be extremely careful with our speech, actions, etc. that we do not deceive those with whom we have association.

We can further understand the seriousness of lying when we understand the source of it. "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it" (John 8:44). Note Genesis 3 in this regard, as from the beginning he has proven John 8:44 to be the truth. Since it is of the devil and stirs the wrath of God, what would cause one to engage in lying? A number of reasons might be cited. In the case of Abraham and Sarah, fear was the obvious motivating force. Those who fear that others will learn of their conduct will often lie about it. In the case of Ananias and Sapphira, a desire to appear better than they actually were prompted their lying.

Some have suggested that greed had a part in their lying as well. Those who absent themselves from the worship assemblies will often offer some excuse (actually lie) to try to justify their actions. Other causes could be added to this list.

As we look further into the word of God, there are other reasons why lying should not be a part of one's life. Among those things listed in Proverbs 6 that God hates is a "lying tongue" (v.16), and a "false witness that speaketh lies" (v.19). Not only does God hate such, "a righteous man hateth lying" (Prov. 13:5). The Psalmist said, "I hate and abhor lying" (Psa. 119:163).

It is also interesting to note those things with which lying is connected. Lying is connected with cursing, hatred, rebellion, destruction of the poor, corruption, swearing, killing and vanities. That one fact alone would cause the righteous person to avoid it. The Psalmist also connects lying with the "mighty man" by saying that such a one "lovest evil more than good; and lying rather than to speak righteousness" (Psa. 52:1-3).

Lying, as well as the things with which it is connected, is to be put away. "Let the lying lips be put to silence; which speak grievous things proudly and contemptuously against the righteous" (Psa. 31:18).

"Wherefore, put away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor: for we are members one of another" (Eph. 4:25).

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*Giving Thanks*



### MANDATORY MASK SERVICE



- \* Please follow mask protocol and do not remove your mask, especially during singing, only briefly for communion. We will have a supply of masks on hand for those who need one.
- ⇒ On your way in, you may pick up a bulletin and your individually sealed communion.
- ⇒ Please sit using social distancing

### STAY CONNECTED to God and to each other.

Even though we may not all be able to meet together, we can still continue to "...encourage one another and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."

Hebrews 10:25



### Prayer Request

*Continued prayers for Bro. McFalls and family for the loss of his wife, Sis. Carole McFalls.*

*Please remember our sick and shut-in with cards, or a phone call and keep them in your prayers.*



**Trayton Williams 14th**

**Ken Fleming 28th**

**Eula Pendergrass 30th**



**Lois Wright 1st**

**Bro. & Sis. Hooks 3rd**

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