

We’ve talked about five different ways to Throw Shade with our words and how to avoid them. Speaking Maledictions, Offenses, Complaining, Criticism, and Negativity. The problem with all of these is that rather than shining the Light of Jesus into this dark world, this type of speech causes us to Throw Shade.

Our words can be like popping up an umbrella and blocking the light we want to shine.

Today is Family Worship Day and we welcome all our BC Kids today as we conclude this series with something that can be a problem for adults and children alike... “Lies.”

ILL: I will never forget one of my first lies. I used my brother’s bow and arrow without permission, broke it, hid the evidence, and lied about having anything to do with it. Nobody taught me how to lie; I just knew how to do it.

We Don’t Have to Be Trained to Lie, Lies Are Part of Our Fallen Nature

Colossians 3:9-10 Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices 10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.

Now that we have new life in Christ Jesus, our old sin nature is dead and the natural ability and desire to lie died with it. Our old sinful nature doesn’t control us anymore, so we don’t have to lie.

Romans 8:12-13 Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. 13 For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

We are not in bondage to lie but bear in mind, lying is not surgically removed when we are born again. Paul describes it more as choosing what to wear, what to put on. **“you have taken off your old self with its practices 10 and have put on the new self,”** You can put on lying or put on truth. You can’t wear the two together. They don’t match.

We are to put on the new nature of God, and it is not in God’s nature to lie.

Numbers 23:19 God is not human, that he should lie, not a human being, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?

NEXT STEP: I will memorize Colossians 3:9. “Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices.”

Lying Can Quickly Become a Destructive Pattern in Your Life

Lying is sort of like Lays Potato Chips. You can’t eat just one. And you can’t just tell one lie. One lie leads to another and another. You must tell another lie to cover for the first lie and the next thing you know you have developed a habit of lying. Lying is a destructive way of life.

Three Phases of the Lying Path of Destruction.

1. You lie to get out of trouble, or you lie get something you want.
2. You lie even when you don’t have too. Lying for the sake of lying.
3. You can’t tell when you are lying or not. A seared conscience. It’s a slippery slope!

Maybe we should pray like David prayed....

Psalms 119:29 Keep me from deceitful ways; be gracious to me and teach me your law.

Lying is the Devil's Native Language

John 8:44 You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. 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.

God is a God of Truth, and God Hates Lying, Because He knows that...

- **Lying Destroys Meaningful Relationships.**
Proverbs 26:28 (NLT) A lying tongue hates its victims, and flattering words cause ruin
- **Lying Separates Us From the Presence of God.**
Psalms 101:7 No one who practices deceit will dwell in my house; no one who speaks falsely will stand in my presence.
- **The Godly Hate Lies Too** Proverbs 13:5 (NLT) The godly hate lies; the wicked cause shame and disgrace. Why does a godly, righteous person hate lying? Lying will cut you off from the righteousness of God. Lying will block the flow of God's blessings in your life. Lying throws shade.
- **God Will Expose Lying in His Church.**

Acts 5:1-4 Now a man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, also sold a piece of property. 2 With his wife's full knowledge he kept back part of the money for himself, but brought the rest and put it at the apostles' feet. 3 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? 4 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 just to human beings but to God."

The religious leaders and people were full of lying and corruption, and God was making a statement saying, "No more!" God desired a pure church, holy, and full of grace and truth.

Christ Jesus Is Truth!

John 14:6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me

The Holy Spirit is Truth

John 16:13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

Truth is the Pathway to Authentic Worship

John 4:24 God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."

Jesus is All About Grace and Truth

John 1:14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

People lie because they do not understand the power of the truth that results in grace.

What we cover, God uncovers. What we uncover, God covers.

Proverbs 28:13 Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

Psalms 51 David repents of his sin with Bathsheba only after Nathan the Prophet confronts him. He had been exposed.

Psalms 32 David talks about wasting away because he kept silent about his sin. But when he confessed and came clean, he was forgiven, and his sins were covered with grace.

Psalms 32:1-5 Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

2 Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit. (No lying Spirit.)

3 When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

4 For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. **5** Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

It is only by the truth that we are free.

John 8:32 (NLT) And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

John 3:21 But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

Let's Fill Our Relationships With TLC

TRUTHFULNESS

To avoid problems in my relationships I will communicate truthfully to others.

Ephesians 4:25 Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body.

- Every time I speak truthfully- God shows up, God anoints, God blesses, and gives life.
- Every time I speak in a slanderous way, an accusation driven way, a mean-spirited way- the evil one shows up and kills, steals, and destroys.

LOVE

Ephesians 4:15 Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church.

Truth without love, is brutality- and love, without truth, is only pretending to love.

COMPASSION

Ephesians 4:32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, Put yourself in the other one's shoes. ...forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Forgive each other when you feel like it and even if you don't feel like forgiving.

NEXT STEP: I will soak my relationships in TLC: with Truthfulness, Love, and Compassion.