

# THE BOOK OF ACTS

## LIES & LIARS

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### SCRIPTURE

Now a man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, also sold a piece of property. 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. Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and 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 just to human beings but to God." When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard what had happened. Then some young men came forward, wrapped up his body, and carried him out and buried him. About three hours later his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. Peter asked her, "Tell me, is this the price you and Ananias got for the land?" She said, "Yes, that is the price." Peter said to her, "How could you conspire to test the Spirit of the Lord? Listen! The feet of the men who buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out also." At that moment she fell down at his feet and died. Then the young men came in and, finding her dead, carried her out and buried her beside her husband. Great fear seized the whole church and all who heard about these events. Acts 5:1-11

God uses heavenly scales to weigh us. (Job 31:6; Daniel 5:27; Proverbs 16:2)

### UNDERSTANDING THE ORIGIN

Lying lips are an **abomination** to the Lord, but those who deal truthfully are His **delight**.  
Proverbs 12:22

Lie: causing another person to believe something that is not true.

The devil 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 8:44

We are never more like the devil than when we lie!

### THE EVOLUTION OF LIES

|                     |                  |                       |        |
|---------------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------|
| Divine Doctrine     | Diluted Doctrine | Deception of Self     |        |
| Deception of Masses | Delusion         | Demonic Demonstration | Demand |

### THE BATTLE AGAINST LIES

In an age of deception, Christians must recognize and refute lies!

#### 1/ There are lies in culture.

"You came from nothingness, not a Creator."

"When men stop believing in God, they don't believe in **nothing**. They believe in **anything**."  
G.K. Chesterton

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"Gender is fluid."

(Some people) love to listen to lies. Ezekiel 13:19

"Your truth is the truth."

Lead me in **Your** truth. Psalm 25:5

"Worth is found in wealth, fame, and influence."

You were redeemed...with the precious blood of Christ. 1 Peter 1:18-19

"Follow your heart to find fulfillment."

The heart is deceitful above all things. Jeremiah 17:9

## **2/ There are lies in churches.**

"God only wants you happy, healthy, and wealthy."

Consider it pure joy...whenever you face trials of many kinds. James 1:2

"Jesus is not God."

"I and the Father are one." John 10:30

"All people will end up in heaven."

Anyone whose name was not found written in the Book of Life was thrown into the lake of fire. Revelation 20:15

"The Bible is a mixture of true and fabricated events."

The entirety of Your word is truth. Psalm 119:160

"It doesn't matter how you live."

I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Ephesians 4:1

## **3/ There are lies in Christians.**

"I am not worthy of God's love."

Because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. Ephesians 2:4-5

"God is done with me."

You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in Your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed. Psalm 139:16

If lies have an eroding effect, then truth has an enhancing effect!

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## THE BENEFITS OF HONEST LIVING

There are blessings and benefits of honesty! Truth builds trust (Proverbs 25:19), truth refreshes the soul (Proverbs 25:13), truth brings favor with God and man (Proverbs 16:13), truth heals us (James 5:16), and truth sets us free (John 8:31-32).

### **1/ We should be honest with the Lord.**

#### Frustration, Heartache, and Anxieties

Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7

#### Sin and Shortcomings

Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance. Hebrews 12:1

### **2/ We should be honest with others.**

Having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are all parts of the same body. Ephesians 4:25

#### Parents

#### Spouses

Healthy marriages are made strong through hard conversations.

A surgeon's scalpel cuts you in order to heal you.

#### Children

"There is so much falsehood in the world from carelessness about truth than from intentional lying."  
Dr. Samuel Johnson

#### Friends and Co-workers

### **3/ We should be honest with ourselves.**

Don't think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves.  
Romans 12:3

#### Standing In Christ

#### Standing Outside of Christ