



"10 Values That Grow Strong Christians", Series, Part 9  
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## Being Honest in a Dishonest World!

*"You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor."  
(Exodus 20:16)*

### Three Truths About Telling The Truth:

1. We are to tell the truth consistently all the time.

*"Therefore, each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body."  
(Eph. 4:25)*

2. We are to tell the truth lovingly.

*"Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is Christ."  
(Eph. 4:15)*

3. We are to tell the truth so others can be built up.

*"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it might benefit those who listen."  
(Eph. 4:29)*

### Why Do People Lie?

#### Types of Lies

The Cruel Lie

The Cowardly Lie

The Conceited Lie

The Calculated Lie

The Convenient Lie

#### Possible Motives

jealousy, resentment

fear

insecurity

selfishness, greed

laziness

*"But the things that come out of the mouth come from the heart, and these make a man unclean. For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander." (Matthew 15:18-19)*

1. Lying and slander are sinful symptoms of a heart problem.
  - The heart that harbors jealousy, revenge, and resentment will be prone to tell cruel lies.
  - The heart that harbors fear will be prone to tell cowardly lies.
  - The heart that harbors insecurity will be prone to tell conceited lies.
  - The heart that harbors greed and selfishness will be prone to tell calculated lies.
  - The heart that harbors laziness and treats Christ with an irreverent casualness will be prone to tell convenient lies.

2. To stop these sins we need a new heart.

*"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)*