

Subject:	Truthfulness
Truth/truthful meaning	Opposed to falsehood, telling or expressing the truth; honest. sincere, trustworthy, genuine; candid, frank
Our God is a God of Truth	2nd Samuel 7:28 "And now, O Lord GOD, Thou art God, and Thy words are truth ,
God's statement on himself	Exodus 34:6 "The LORD, the LORD God...abounding in lovingkindness and truth ; Numbers 23:19 God is not a man, to say what is false...
Truthfulness is a requirement of God	Exodus 20:16 "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
We are to serve God in Truth	Joshua 24:14 "Now, therefore, fear the LORD and serve Him in sincerity and truth;
If you are not truthful:	You are: Dishonest, liar, deceitful, false
First liar in scripture	Serpent (Satan) in Garden: Genesis 3:4 "You surely shall not die!
Satan = father of liars	John 8:44 Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature; for he is a liar.. Don't allow yourself to join with the enemy by being untruthful!
We will be tested	Genesis 42:16 ...that your words may be tested, whether there is truth in you.
"It's just a white lie"	No such thing, it is either the truth or it is a lie.
Don't accept falsehood - with quietness	Don't allow falsehood to continue if it pertains to you. It takes discernment when to be quiet. Not talking about a tattletale (snitch) You don't have to answer for others, just yourself.
How are Liars categorized?	Revelation 22:15 Outside are the dogs and the sorcerers and the immoral persons and the murderers and the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices lying
Meaning of "Dog"	Dog, "dog's head," "dead dog," were used as terms of reproach or of humiliation
Telling the truth can hurt	But it is a Small price to pay to maintain your status with God and man!
Results of untruthfulness	Rev. 21:27 And nothing unclean and no one who practices abomination and lying, shall ever come into it,(Heaven), but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.
Untruthfulness is dangerous	
Salvation?	Hebrews 10:26 For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,
Pursuit of death?	Proverbs 21:6 The getting of treasures by a lying tongue Is a fleeting vapor, the pursuit of death.
Loss of respect of others?	Proverbs 14:25 A truthful witness saves lives, But he who speaks lies is treacherous.
You won't be able to conceal lies!	Ask Pastor Ruth - Life Center. Why does she remember? Trust is broken. You can repair trust, but it takes time.
Truthful lips established	Proverbs 12:19 Truthful lips will be established forever, But a lying tongue is only for a moment.
Abomination to God	Proverbs 12:22 Lying lips are an abomination to the LORD...
Biblical Examples	Acts 5:1 Ananias with his wife Sapphira (part of the Church) - death Gen. 27:19 Jacob to Isaac, I am your son Esau - goes around comes around Exodus 8:15 But when Pharaoh saw that there was relief, he hardened his heart and did not listen to them

<u>You can have victory over this sin</u>	
1. Confess you sin of untruthfulness	
2. Purpose in your heart - to be truthful	Ephesians 4:25 Therefore, laying aside falsehood, SPEAK TRUTH, EACH ONE of you, WITH HIS NEIGHBOR...
	Ephesians 6:14 Stand firm therefore, HAVING GIRDED YOUR LOINS WITH TRUTH
3. Ask Forgiveness from those you have lied to, (when you are able)	
4. If you have spoken rashly, go take it back: "Sorry I can't do that".	
5. Thank and Praise Jesus that he is helping you overcome this sin.	
There is JOY in being truthful	
There is PEACE in being truthful	
There is BLESSINGS in being truthful	
You can conquer this sin - be truthful!!!	
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