

If I Love Truth, I Will Hate Lying

I. Introduction:

- A. We serve “a God of truth” (**Deuteronomy 32:4**).
 - 1. In regard to the Father (**Titus 1:1-4**).
 - 2. In regard to the Son (**John 1:14-17; 14:6**).
 - 3. In regard to the Spirit (**John 16:1-13**).
- B. On the other hand, those whom abide in dishonesty have a father too (**John 8:39-47**).
 - 1. Being a child of the devil makes one an enemy of all righteousness (**Acts 13:6-10**).
 - 2. Who is your father and/or the Father of those whom abide in your life continually (**I John 3:1-10**)?

II. Body: **Psalms 119:159-168**

- A. As disciples of Christ, we are to be known for our honesty (**Romans 12:17** and **II Corinthians 8:21**).
 - 1. Think about what the “new man” is to be (**Ephesians 4:17-25**).
 - 2. Can we proclaim to be in fellowship with God if we are not wholly honest (**I John 1:5-7**)?
 - 3. Being a people of a “good conscience” and irreproachable character comes down to being able to live honestly (**Hebrews 13:18** and **I Peter 2:9-12**).
- B. So, how should we look at lying and liars (**Psalms 101:1-8** and **Romans 12:9**)?
 - 1. God’s view is clear (**Proverbs 6:16-19, Proverbs 12:22, Acts 5:1-10, Revelation 21:8, and Revelation 22:13-15**).
 - 2. Shouldn’t we see things the way God does (**Ephesians 5:1**)?
- C. Recognizing that we serve the God of truth, what should our mentality be towards those whom aren’t honest (**Psalms 31:1-6** and **II Peter 2:6-8**)?
 - 1. How would you feel of yourself if you weren’t being honest (**Ezekiel 36:31**)?
 - 2. Friends? Some company is unavoidably kept (**I Corinthians 5:9-10**).
 - a. There is a balance (**I Corinthians 10:14-33**).
 - b. Yet, the unavoidable questions must be asked of whom we choose to keep company with and why (**Psalms 26:4-5, Proverbs 29:27, I Corinthians 15:33, and James 4:4**).

III. Conclusion: *“A righteous man hateth lying: but a wicked man is loathsome, and cometh to shame”* (**Proverbs 13:5**).