

“Liar”

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Introduction.

I. One of the strongest words in our language is the word “liar”. It is a word that most Christians use sparingly and only when there is clear, conclusive, indisputable evidence that another is telling a lie or lies.

II. Jesus used this word of others 2 times.

JOH 8:44 "You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature; for he is a liar, and the father of lies.

JOH 8:55 and you have not come to know Him, but I know Him; and if I say that I do not know Him, I shall be a liar like you, but I do know Him, and keep His word.

III. The apostle John is known as the apostle of love.

A. He was loving man who filled his writing with the necessity of love. No writer ever wrote more about love than John.

B. Even though John was a man and a teacher of love, he used the word “liar” or some other form of the same word to describe those who made false, anti-Christian statements.

I. **One Who Claims To Have Fellowship With God And Walks In Darkness Is A Liar** - One who claims to have fellowship with God and walks in darkness is a liar.

A. John said. (Jn. 1:5, 6).

B. There were those in John’s day who claimed to have fellowship with God, but walk (live) in darkness (sin).

1. John without hesitation, without apology says such a person is a liar.

2. God is light and in order to have sweet fellowship with him we must walk in the light.

3. Those who have fellowship with God abhor darkness and strive with all their being to do what is right. (Jn. 4:34).

4. Paul wrote. (Col. 1:13; Eph. 5:8; Rom. 12:1,2, 9; Col.3:12-17).

12 And so, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness,

humility, gentleness and patience; 13 bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a

complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. 14 And beyond all these things put

on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. 15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed

you were called in one body; and be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom

teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. 17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

II. One Who Claims He Has No Sins Is A Liar - One who claims he has no sins is a liar.

A. John wrote. (1 Jn. 1:8, 10).

1. Even though the Christian is dedicated to doing what is right (even though his food and drink is to do God's will, he is not sinless.
2. He still sins and falls short of the glory of God.

B. John makes four irrefutable affirmations about the Christian who claims to be above sin.

1. First, he deceives himself.
2. Second, the truth is not in him. He is a liar.
3. Third, he makes God a liar.
4. Fourth, God's word is not in him.

C. The sincere, genuine Christian recognizes, that in spite of all his efforts to do right, he still sins.

1. When this happens he is crushed, but not destroyed.
2. He repents and asks God's forgiveness.
 - a. He cries out. (Psa. 51:2, 10).
 - b. God promises to forgive us when we confess our sins. (1 Jn. 1:9).

III. One Who Claims To Know God And Keeps Not His Commandments Is A Liar - The one who claims to know God and keeps not his commandments is a liar.

A. John wrote. (1 Jn. 2:1-5).

B. John contends that one who claims to know God and does not keep His commandments is a liar.

1. One who truly knows and loves God will keep His commandments.
2. This truth is elsewhere taught in the scriptures. (Jn. 14:15; 15:14; 1 Jn. 2:29; 1 Jn. 5:3; 2 Jn. 6).

IV. One who Denies Jesus Is The Christ Is A Liar - The one who denies Jesus is the Christ is a liar.

A. John wrote. (1 Jn. 2:22).

1. There were many in John's day who denied that Jesus was the Christ (the anointed one, the Messiah).
2. John boldly affirms that such a one was a liar and an anti-christ.

B. The Bible explicitly sets forth that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of God. (Matt. 16:16, 17; Jn. 11:27; Matt. 17:5; Jn. 20:30, 31).

C. It is clear from the word of God. Let it be heard and understood by all. God's children confess Him as the Christ, the Son of God. Those who reject Jesus as Messiah and the Son of God lie and know not the truth.

V. One Who Claims To Love God But Hates His Brother Is A Liar - One who claims to love God but hates his brother is a liar. (1 Jn. 4:20, 21).

A. John is arguing that it is easier to love what is seen.

1. If one cannot love his brother who is seen, he really does not love God who is unseen.

2. Those who truly love God will demonstrate this love by loving their brother.

B. Christians are to abound in brotherly love. (Jn. 13:34, 35; 1 Pet. 1:22; 1 Jn. 3:16).

1. John wrote. (1 Jn. 2:7-11).

7 Beloved, I am not writing a new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning; the old commandment is the word which you have heard. 8 On the other hand, I am writing a new commandment to you, which is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining. 9 The one who says he is in the light and yet hates his brother is in the darkness until now. 10 The one who loves his brother abides in the light and there is no cause for stumbling in him. 11 But the one who hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

2. Later John wrote. (1 Jn. 4:7-12).

7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love. 9 By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him. 10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has beheld God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us.

Conclusion.

I. Brethren, let us live in such a way that we will never be called a liar by God or His word or by man. Let us fill our lives with genuine love for God and man. Let us keep God's commandments and trust and confess God's Son all our days.

II. The Lord's invitation is extended. All who would like to receive Christ in baptism or who are subject to the invitation in any way are invited to come. Come as we sing the hymn of encouragement.

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