

***If We Say** that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness (disobedience), we lie, and do not the Truth:" 1 John 1:6 KJV*

Do you ever pretend to be nice when you're not feeling nice at all? Or you're right in the middle of heated argument, the phone rings, and suddenly it's all smiles and cordiality? We are so used to putting on a good face that it carries over into our walk with God, but all we are doing is deceiving ourselves; using human reason to excuse our disobedience. Instead of repenting, returning to obedience, we continue rationalizing and excusing our sin. If our words do not match our walk,



we are LIARS! Jesus said of this, *“Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the Truth, because there is no Truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.”* This is a Divine condemnation of liars. Lying is an abomination to the God of Truth and the Lake of Fire will be the eternity of all liars! *“The fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and ALL LIARS, shall have their part in the Lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the Second Death.”* Deceit is just a way to put on a good face or to put it more bluntly to cover the ugliness of our sin! *“He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.”* It is not easy to admit a fault and I am the world's worst, but I do make an honest effort to do what is right regardless of consequence! Returning to obedience is the essence of repentance and repentance is what endears you to God. It is that kind of attitude which brings forgiveness and peace to the true believer.

If we profess we have no sin,
Deceit is what doth lie within,
And we will be the worst of men,
If we do not repent of sin. –CGP

Just track your words for an hour and you will discover deceit if you measure them by God's Word. We must be constantly vigilant of our tongue. *“The tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.”* Satan will use our own words to destroy us and our families! Lying becomes a bad habit if we do not strictly police our own conversation.

“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:” 1 Peter 5:8 KJV