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Why Lying Is Good

By Isha Michel -- (Age 16)

"Tell a lie once, and all your truths become questionable."

- Unknown

Lie, untruth, falsehood, all the same. And all have the same outcome when used. As it says in proverbs 19:9 "A false witness will not go unpunished, And he who tells lies will perish."

Sometimes we feel lies will help us get to wherever we want to be or to accomplish the things we want to do. In a realistic sense, it does. But, by lying, we are giving up something else.

Trust. Relationship. Respect.

And so much more.

Luke 18:17 says, "For nothing is hidden that will not become evident, nor anything secret that will not be known and come to light." This passage is so true. Untruth is *always* found out. Always. And when it is, you will lose something.

In John 8:32 it says, "And you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." Truth and honesty lead to freedom and life.

Proverbs 12:19 "Truthful lips will be established forever, but a lying tongue is only for a moment."

In all honesty, lying is a huge struggle for a lot of people. But it's not the only way to accomplish the things you desire. It's only the *easy* way. But remember that when you lie, you give up something else. Something probably more important than you expected.

1 John 3:18-20 says, "Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth. We will know by this that we are of the truth, and will assure our heart before Him in whatever our heart condemns us; for God is greater than our heart and knows all things."

(Scripture from NASB version)

Let's Talk About Joy -- Part Two

By Erin Short -- (Age 15)

"The mere sense of living is joy enough."

- Emily Dickinson

Last week, we looked at what joy is *not*, and the difference between happiness and joy. Today, we're going to talk about what joy actually *is*.

So, to start, how do we stay joyful in unpleasant circumstances? We know that, unlike happiness, joy is not situational.

True joy is realizing that, no matter what is happening around us, God is good, and He will take care of us. Honestly, there really isn't much more to it than that.

You can tell if you -- or others -- are joyful by how they react to certain situations. Being joyful doesn't mean smiling when something bad happens. It means trusting that God will take care of the situation, and knowing that you don't have to worry about it.

James 1:2 says, "Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds," because it gives us an opportunity to live out our trust in God.

An opportunity to show that joy isn't skin deep.

(Bible verses taken from the NIV translation.)

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