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A STUDY IN JAMES

James 5:12



Why do we Lie?
How do we Lie?
How Often do we Lie?

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① The Command: Do not Swear


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1. This is Not about **Vulgar Language**
 2. This is Not a **Total Ban**
 3. This is about **Validating Truth**



Problem: We Live in World of Lies

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1. There is no **Absolute Truth**
 2. You are a **Good Person**
 3. Follow your **Heart**
 4. You Define your own **Identity**



② The Priority of Truth



1. The Wrong Question:

'What is most the Loving thing to do'


2. The Right Question:

'What is the Truthful thing to do'

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③ The Community of Truth

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1. **Jesus** is the Truth
 2. **The Bible** is Truth
 3. **The Holy Spirit** guides us into Truth
 4. **We Hear & Believe** the Truth
 5. **We Speak** the Truth



④ The Manipulation of Truth



1. The Truth in James' Day

Mat 23:16-22 “Woe to you, blind guides, who say, ‘If anyone swears by the temple, it is nothing, but if anyone swears by the gold of the temple, he is bound by his oath.’ 17 You blind fools! For which is greater, the gold or the temple that has made the gold sacred? 18 And you say, ‘If anyone swears by the altar, it is nothing, but if anyone swears by the gift that is on the altar, he is bound by his oath.’ 19 You blind men! For which is greater, the gift or the altar that makes the gift sacred? 20 So whoever swears by the altar swears by it and by everything on it. 21 And whoever swears by the temple swears by it and by him who dwells in it. 22 And whoever swears by heaven swears by the throne of God and by him who sits upon it.



1. The Truth in Our Day

1. We **Distort** the Truth
2. We **Disguise** the Truth
3. We **Deflect** the Truth
4. We **Withhold** the Truth
5. We **Enhance** the Truth



5 The Call to Truth




1. Speaking Truth in Short term
may lead to Pain

2. Speaking the Truth in Long term
always leads to Glory

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⑥ The Warning about Truth

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1. God **Hates Lies**
 2. God **Disciplines Liars**
 3. God **Judges Liars**



7 The Person of Truth

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1. To **Believe** Jesus is to **Believe** the Truth
 2. To **Know** Jesus is to **Know** the Truth
 3. To **Love** Jesus is to **Love** the Truth
 4. To **Follow** Jesus is to **Follow** the Truth

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