



MESSAGE NOTES

Is It Ever Okay to Lie?

Proverbs 12:22

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God wants us to become truthful people.

1. God Loves Truth Because He Is Truth

Proverbs 12:22 “The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in people who are trustworthy.”

God hates lies because they destroy:

- Trust
- Friendships
- Marriages
- Churches

Question: Am I becoming a trustworthy person?

2. Truth Must Be Spoken with Love and Wisdom

Ephesians 4:15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.

Our goal is not finding exceptions to God’s commands, but seeking God’s wisdom.

Before you speak, ask yourself: Is it true? Is it loving? Is it wise?

3. God Wants Honest Hearts, Not Just Honest Words

Colossians 3:9 Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices.

God isn’t looking for perfect people. He is looking for honest people.

Be willing to say:

- “I was wrong.”
- “I made a mistake.”
- “Please forgive me.”

Conclusion

Don’t focus on finding exceptions. Focus on becoming a truthful person who reflects Christ.

When you fail:

- Confess it.
- Receive God’s forgiveness.
- Walk in the light.

Truth builds trust. Trust builds relationships. Relationships reflect God.

Remember Kindness is not deception.

- You don’t have to tell everyone everything.
- Keeping a confidence is not lying.
- Sometimes silence is wiser than speaking.
- But selfish deception destroys trust.