



## LIVING LIKE THE DEVIL

By Brett Hickey

Worldly leaders often achieve success because they are “good” liars. Adolph Hitler stated his philosophy in Mein Kampf: “The great masses of the people ... will more easily fall victims to a big lie than to a small one.” Hitler added, “Make the lie big, make it simple, keep saying it, and eventually they will believe it.” Hitler conquered Germany, much of Europe and nearly the world with this strategy.

At the same time, if you have lived very long, you know the pain of hearing your name slandered. Unfortunately, while few wrongs are more distasteful to us than misrepresentations made against family and friends, we may also fall prey to this temptation. The Scriptures present a strong case against falsehood in Proverbs 6:16-19, “These six things the LORD hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him: “...A lying tongue...[and] A false witness who speaks lies...” Of all the evils God could have mentioned, two of the seven He singles out are on truth-twisting.

Under the Law of Moses, God set in place a strong deterrent to this sin in Deuteronomy 19:16, “If a false witness rises against any man to testify against him of wrongdoing, then both men in the controversy shall stand before the LORD, before the priests and the judges who serve in those days. And the judges shall make careful inquiry, and indeed, if the witness is a false witness... then you shall do to him as he thought to have done to his brother; so you shall put away the evil from among you. And those who remain shall hear and fear....” Do you understand God’s message? If you claimed you heard someone curse his parents or if you claimed you saw someone commit adultery and it was found to be true, the guilty would be put to death (Exodus 21:17 and Leviticus 20:10). If, however, it was found that you

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bore false witness, you would be given the death penalty instead. While this law passed away, the moral principle should give us pause. God hates lying! God hates the sully of good reputations by slander.

While the death penalty was removed with the new covenant, the Holy Spirit ranks falsely accusing others with the most egregious of sins and demands other Christians sever normal relations with those guilty in 1 Corinthians 5:11, “But now I am writing to you to stop associating with any so-called brother if he is sexually immoral, greedy, an idolater, a slanderer, a drunk, or a robber. With such a person you must even stop eating.” (International Standard Version).

We must be careful not to give a pass to a slanderer where we would not ignore idolatry, drunkenness or sexual immorality. We see further how sinister lying is when we note how closely Scripture associates the greatest forces for good and evil with truth and lying.

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Jesus says (John 14:6), "I am...the truth" and refers to the Holy Spirit as "the Spirit of Truth" (John 14:17). In contrast, Jesus describes the devil as a "liar and the father of lies" (John 8:44). In fact, we should remember that the very word "devil" means "false accuser." What Christian would behave in such a way as to be closely associated with Satan?

The last couple of pages in the Bible hammer hard against lying. We read in Revelation 21:27, "But there shall by no means enter it [heaven] anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life." Again, in Revelation 21:8, "But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

When we are tempted to misrepresent the truth, let us remember Jesus' warning, "[F]or every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the Day of Judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned" (Matthew 12:36).



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### September 2-4

#### Texas Labor Day Meeting

Grapevine Convention Center  
1209 South Main Street, Grapevine, TX

7:30 pm (2nd)

6:00 pm (3rd)

6:00 pm (4th)

**NOTE:** Lord's Day morning services will be conducted at all area congregations.

<http://TexasLaborDayMeeting.org>

### September 23-25

#### CHURCH OF CHRIST in Grapevine

713 North Lucas Drive

Grapevine, TX

Speaker: Delmer Lee

7:30 pm (23rd)

6:00 pm (24th)

10:00 am & 2:00 PM (25th)

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