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Working FAITH – Increasing Our Integrity

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James 5:12 *Above all, my brothers and sisters, do not swear—not by heaven or by earth or by anything else. All you need to say is a simple “Yes” or “No.” Otherwise you will be condemned. The Prayer of Faith*

Definition of a lie. To lie is either “to make an untrue statement with intent to deceive”; or “to create a false or misleading impression.”

John MacArthur “Our society is built on a framework of lies, leading one to wonder whether our social structure would survive if everyone were forced to speak the truth for even one day.”

Why do people feel the need to lie?

1. Self-P _____
2. Self-C _____
3. Self-I _____

S _____ is always tempting us with the easy way.

God wants us to be a people interested in the right way—the way of **H** _____ and **I** _____.

“To be persuasive, we must be **B** _____. To be believable, we must be **C** _____. To be credible, we must be **T** _____.” **Edward R. Murrow**

Matthew 5:33–37 *“Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not break your oath, but keep the oaths you have made to the Lord.’ 34 But I tell you, Do not swear at all: either by heaven, for it is God’s throne; 35 or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. 36 And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. 37 Simply let your ‘Yes’ be ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No,’ ‘No’; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.”*

Who do we most resemble when we lie? _____

Who is influencing us when we lie? _____

Whose language are we speaking when we lie? _____

Why do we break our promises?

1. Overenthusiastic
2. Overextended
3. Overestimation

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How can we increase in our integrity?

1. C _____
2. C _____
3. C _____
4. Surrender to C_____

Discussion Questions:

1. **“No one can survive in the adult world if they have to stick to the truth.” Do you think that’s true? Do you think that is a typical attitude in our world today? What do you think about that?**
2. Regarding the story of the gentleman that felt like he couldn’t compete with everyone else if he didn’t lie: Have you or do you sometimes feel this way? When and how?
3. **Has someone lied about you? Gossiped or slandered you? How did that affect you in your life? How did you respond? How would God want you to respond?**
4. Have you broken a promise to someone? How did you feel when that happened? How did they feel? How did you respond? Should you respond?
5. **When would you say you most break promises to people?**
6. What did you learn tonight that might be helpful in the future about lies and breaking promises?
7. **What if any, would your commitment be tonight to Jesus Christ in this area of concern?**
8. Pray for those around your table tonight.