

# MARKET STREET

*"And this is the message we have received of Him, and declare unto you..." (1 John 1:5)*



# MESSENGER

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## *The Problem of Lying*

**Dee Bowman**

I preached this last Lord's Day on the problem of lying. I believe it to be one of the most prevalent and damaging problems in the lives of not only the world, but Christians as well. It has become epidemic. It is in our private relationships, our families, our social lives, our business practices. It's everywhere--at school, at the golf course, at the PTA meeting, even in the church.

Coincidentally, The Houston Post in its June 4 (1971) issue, carried a review of The Day America Told the truth, a new book by J. Walter Thompson Advertising Exec., Peter Kim and his associate James Patterson. It is an astonishing look at the morals of our people. The picture is not pretty. For instance: - 91% of Americans lie regularly. - 40% of the people interviewed admitted to having lied on job applications. - 62% think there's nothing morally wrong with the affairs they're having.

And get this: 13% of the people have had an affair with a fellow worker. And 26% have shoplifted. What a sad description of our times! How deplorable that people have such little regard for truth, such little respect for morality.

Can you believe that?

A lie is a false statement deliberately presented as being true; something meant to deceive or give a wrong impression. And we all have trouble with that at various times, some chronically. My Dad once spoke of a man who "would lie for a check when he could get cash for telling the truth."

Why do people lie? Sometimes it's done to deceive (Psalms 50:19); sometimes to shirk responsibilities (Luke 14:18, an excuse is not a reason, it's a lie); sometimes out of fear (Matthew 26:69-74, Peter's denial). And sometimes it's done to hurt someone (Genesis 39:14-17, Potiphar's wife); or to get gain (Acts 5:1-10, Ananias and Sapphira).

And yes, there is such a thing as a religious lie (1 Timothy 4:12; Romans

### Schedule of Services

#### Sunday

Bible Classes..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 5:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday

Bible Classes.....7:00 p.m.

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*David A. Cox, Editor*

1:25). 2 Corinthians 11:13-15 is an apt description of those televangelists who have duped people in this age by making claims of inspiration or having powers like those of the apostles. They have charmed old ladies out of fortunes, talked the ignorant and superstitious out of their life savings, while they live in houses with gold-plated faucets or carry on illicit relationships with prostitutes. This is religion?

Some lies are hard to detect. Self righteousness, for instance, looks good on the surface, but is no more than a subtle lie, an impression created to deceive (Matthew 27:27-28).

One of the worst forms of lying—and very subtle—is the innuendo. It is a rather indirect implication or impression which often takes the form of an insinuation. In fact, the word is from the Latin *innuere*, “to nod to.” Some of us nod just at the right time to leave a wrong or derogatory impression. And one of the worst forms of the same is to not stand up for a friend when you know what is being said is not so. Dereliction in such instances is no different than a blatant lie. I see entirely too much of this among brethren!

There are other forms of subtle lies: To appear to be more than you are. To discredit someone who has been praised. To transfer suspicion. To procreate gossip. To get ahead in line. And that most subtle of lies, self-deception, lying to yourself about yourself.

The end of all liars is predicted. Lying is repulsive to God (Proverbs 16:16). He warns against it (Ephesians 4:25; Colossians 3:9; 1 Peter 3:10). He will punish all liars (Proverbs 19:5; Revelation 21:27). Make no mistake about it, God will deal with all liars, those who make lies and those who proliferate them.

No one is immune. The problem is huge, greater than most of us realize. Let every man examine himself and take care about lying. Let every person be impressed with the value of truth. And let us teach our children that all lies are sin.

-via *The Eastside Enlightner*; Athens, Alabama.

### ***Remember Our Study Periods***

Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.

*Come and Join Us As We Study Together*

## ***“The Trade” Is “In Danger”***

**Bryan Dockens**

“And about that time there arose a great commotion about the Way. For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, who made silver shrines of Diana, brought no small profit to the craftsmen. He called them together with the workers of similar occupation, and said: ‘Men, you know that we have our prosperity by this trade. Moreover you see and hear that not only at Ephesus, but throughout almost all Asia, this Paul has persuaded and turned away many people, saying that they are not gods which are made with hands. So not only is the trade of ours in danger of falling into disrepute, but also the temple of the great goddess Diana may be despised and her magnificence destroyed, who all Asia and the world worship’” (Acts 19:23-27).

Due to the effective preaching of the apostle Paul, the silversmiths of Ephesus feared their trade – crafting shrines of the goddess Diana – was in danger. Paul didn’t bring suit against the silversmith trade union in court. He didn’t campaign for office on the platform of shutting down the idolatry business. He never lobbied governing officials to impose restrictive ordinances against the temple of Diana. Nor did he launch an official boycott against the industry. According to Demetrius, “This Paul has persuaded and turned away many people, saying that they are not gods which are made with hands.” Through evangelism, he won the hearts of the people for Christ, so that this craft was driven to disrepute through simple lack of interest.

There are many industries now in business, which the governing authorities would, do well, to shut down (Romans 13:1-4; 1 Peter 2:13-14), and there is nothing inappropriate about discouraging sin in society (Proverbs 14:34). But regardless of whether or not laws are imposed to restrict immoral behavior, it is the duty of godly men and women to persuade people to turn away from such. May our preaching endanger the following occupations.

Divorce lawyers should be in very short supply “For the Lord God of Israel says that He hates divorce” (Malachi 1:16). Jesus explained that divorce separates what God has joined (Matthew 19:4-6). The only just cause for divorce is fornication (Matthew 19:9); otherwise, a marriage should remain intact. In order to

save marriages, husbands must learn to love their wives sacrificially (Ephesians 5:25-29), trust them (Proverbs 31:11), honor them (1 Peter 3:7), understand them (1 Peter 3:7), and never resent them (Colossians 3:19). Wives should be taught to love their husbands (Titus 2:4), obey them (Titus 2:5), respect them (Ephesians 5:22-24), and avoid quarrels (Proverbs 21:9, 19). When husbands and wives treat one another with such love as this, divorce lawyers will go out of business.

Abortion providers ought to be unemployed because "the Lord hates...hands that shed innocent blood" (Proverbs 6:16-17), holding accountable those who harm the unborn (Exodus 21:22-25). In order to save children from murder, mothers must overcome the lack of natural affection (Romans 1:31) modern feminism has imposed on them. Women should learn to love their children (Titus 2:5) and regard the fruit of the womb as a reward (Psalm 127:3). When women are instilled with a sense of awe for the amazing work God does in creating life (Jeremiah 1:4-5; Psalm 139:1, 13-16), and a sense of joy for bringing life into the world (John 16:21), abortion providers will have no clients.

Pornographers deserve to go bankrupt because they reveal what knowledge demands should be hidden (Genesis 3:1-11). They promote sexual lust (Matthew 5:38), and often do so through direct acts of adultery, fornication, uncleanness, and lewdness (Galatians 5:19).

These smut peddlers will remain in business until people resolve to do as David did when he declared, "I will set nothing wicked before my eyes" (Psalm 101:3), and as Job did when he asked, "I have made a covenant with my eyes; Why then should I look upon a young woman?" (Job 31:1). Only when self-control is exercised (Galatians 5:23) will the skin business close down.

The gaming industry, consisting of state lotteries throughout the country, tribal casinos, and most businesses in Nevada including stores and restaurants that house slot machines, neighborhood casinos, and the major tourist-dependent casinos on the Strip, would all close down if people would take to heart the warning of the apostle Paul: "Those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with

many sorrows" (1 Timothy 6:9-10). Instead of a love for worldly wealth, people should be motivated to store up treasure in heaven (Matthew 6:19-21). When greed is expelled from people's hearts, casinos will close for lack of customers.

-via *Family Items*; Athens, Alabama.

# News & Notes

## THE SICK:

### *In The Hospital:*

*Margaret Carter*; Huntsville Hosp.; rm. 465

### *At Home:*

Dan Lovell	Kathleen Wales
Helen Blankenship	Kevyn Currier
Rachel Grubbs	David Gardner
Yvonne Sherbert	Mary Ruth Gardner
Hazel Toone	Bertha Johnson
Martha Rice	Marty Tyler
Don Bowling	Jesse Carter
Phillip Harwell	Jeff Waddell
Randy Graviett	Robbie Shoulders
Jim Currier	Una King Currier

### *Athens Convalescent Center:*

Betty Bates, rm. 17

### *Limestone Health Facility:*

Bernice Thomas, rm. 52	Janet Berryhill, rm. 112
Gladys Sandlin, rm. 101	Mary Smith, rm. 85
J.D. Clanton, rm. 11E	Rosella Pugh, rm. 74

### *Limestone Manor:*

Albert Norton, rm. 96

### *Shut-In:*

Reba Adams, at home  
Lola Colwell, at home  
Polly Davis, River City Care, Decatur, rm. 74

**MILITARY SERVICE:** Remember all those that are serving on foreign soil in the military for our country. Those who are among us or have connections to the Market Street church are:

Joel Smith; Iraq  
Andrew Deen; Japan  
Whitney Deen; Japan  
Matthew Cox; Iraq

**GOSPEL MEETINGS:** The *Old Mouton Road church* in Decatur is beginning a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Friday evening. The speaker in this meeting will be *Allen Dvorak*. The *Holland's Gin church* in Ardmore is to begin a gospel meeting Friday and it will continue through next Sunday. The speaker in this meeting will be *Art Adams of Indianapolis, Indiana*.

**SYMPATHY:** We want to express our deepest sympathy to *Rachel Grubbs and all the family* in the passing of Rachel's nephew, *Dr. Gary Gross*, this past Friday morning. He fought a long hard battle with cancer and we ask the Lord's richest blessings upon all his family. A memorial service will be conducted at a later date.

**NURSERIES AVAILABLE:** There are two nurseries available for those who will need them. One is in the west wing and the other is in the east wing.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** Our vacation Bible School has been set for **June 13 through 16** (Monday through Thursday). We will be doing a study of the miracles of God and the demonstration of His power in a series called, "*Believe It or Not ... It's In the Bible.*" I know that the studies will be good and that all that will benefit from it.

**WORK GROUPS:** Tonight will be the night for work group three to meet. If you are in group three, remember to meet with your group this evening.

**NURSING HOME SINGING:** Remember the singing at the Athens Convalescent on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

**THE RECORD:** *For the Week of March 20th*

<b>Sunday:</b>	Bible Classes.....	124
	Morning Worship .....	160
	Evening Worship.....	116
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Bible Classes.....	105

## Gospel Meeting

May 15-19, 2011

(Sunday through Thursday)

Jeff May, Speaking

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### Men Privileged To Serve:

#### Sunday, March 20th:

##### Morning Worship

Announcements .....	Dwaine Allfrey
Song Leader .....	Joel Hamm
Prayer .....	Marion Mitchell
Preaching .....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding .....	Larry Mitchell
Assisting .....	Jonathan Keenon
Serving .....	Landon Adams..... Danny Johnson
.....	Keenon Carrier..... Tommy Burns
Closing Prayer .....	Nathaniel Adams

##### Evening Worship

Announcements .....	Dwaine Allfrey
Song Leader .....	Joel Hamm
Prayer .....	Kenneth Smith
Preaching .....	Joel Hamm
Lord's Supper .....	Larry Mitchell
Closing Prayer .....	Hunter Cox

#### Other Assignments for Sunday, March 20th:

Usher .....	Paul Hasting
Work Sound System .....	Stuart Wilson

#### Wednesday, March 23rd:

Song Leader .....	Tyler Cox
Bible Reading.....	(Isaiah 17:1-14)
.....	Will Chumbley
Prayer .....	Jerry McGlocklin
Invitation .....	David Cox
Closing Prayer .....	Hunter Cox

#### Sunday, March 27th:

##### Morning Worship

Announcements .....	Jerry McGlocklin
Song Leader .....	Stuart Wilson
Prayer .....	Bonnie Sutton
Preaching .....	Warren Glass
Lord's Supper	
Presiding .....	Larry Mitchell
Assisting .....	Jonathan Keenon
Serving .....	Landon Adams..... Danny Johnson
.....	Keenon Carrier..... Tommy Burns
Closing Prayer .....	Rusty Brand

##### Evening Worship

Announcements .....	Jerry McGlocklin
Song Leader .....	Stuart Wilson
Prayer .....	Kenneth Smith
Preaching .....	Song Service
Lord's Supper .....	Jonathan Keenon
Closing Prayer .....	Lifford Smith

#### Other Assignments for Sunday, March 27th:

Usher .....	Jonathan Keenon
Work Sound System .....	Marty Adams