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Acts 6: 4 ASV

False Witness

A Message for Youth

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- **Text:** Exodus 20: 16 ASV

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

- God spoke these words.

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- Moses said, ¹ give ear, heavens; let the earth hear words of my mouth. ² My doctrine shall drop as rain. My speech distil as the dew. As the small rain upon tender grass, as showers upon the herb; ³ I proclaim the name Jehovah. Ascribe greatness to our God. ⁴ His work is perfect. All his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness. Without iniquity. Just and right.
Deuteronomy 32: 1-4 ASV God doesn't lie to people.
- The idea that God is truthful is reflected by Hebrews and Christians when they conclude

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their prayers with "amen." We translate it from the Hebrew word *emunah* which means faith in a trustworthy king. God is portrayed as being truthful every time you pray !

- Have God's chosen ever been guilty of false witness? Yes, many have chosen to bear false witness, always due to lack of faith. Abraham lied about Sarah being his sister when she was his wife. His iniquity passed to Isaac who said

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his wife was a sister too. Jonathan helped David bearing false witness to King Saul. The midwives working for the Hebrew mothers were ordered to slay all male children. Moses is their false witness.

- Is the rule against lying absolute, or are there times we can legitimately lie? Never bear false witness. Surround yourself with others who are trustworthy. ⁴ I have not sat with men of falsehood; Neither will I go in with dissemblers. ⁵ I hate the assembly of evil-doers, And will not sit

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with the wicked. Psalm 26: 4-5 ASV The friends and groups that you choose need to be considered based on their scriptural values.

- Honesty endears us to others, helps maintain trust in society, and can inspire others to do the same. Such high standards often come with a high price, one must pay.
- There is really only one reason you should
7 keep far from a false matter; innocent and
righteous. Exodus 23: 7 ASV God said you should !

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- Though you may be obliged to say the truth, you are not obliged to reveal all your thoughts. Silence is not deception (except sometimes in a court of law). Honesty means everything you say must be truth, not that everything that is truth must be said. Jesus ⁶¹ held his peace, and answered nothing. Mark 14: 61 ASV
- Hypocrisy is a compound Greek word. *Hypo* translates falsehood and *krisis* translates judgment. If you act or speak in a certain way

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to elicit a certain precept or opinion, while in reality your actions are performed only for the sake of that opinion you are being hypocritical. This type of motive is false witness. The little white lie is hypocrisy. False flattery is hypocrisy. Lying for entertainment is hypocrisy.

- Lies can create a living hell. Bring honesty into your life. It will remove guilt and reveal divine truth.

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- The Bible contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation. Its doctrines are holy. Its precepts are binding. Its histories are true. Read it to be wise. Believe it to be safe. Practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct, comfort, and cheer you.
- Memory Verse: 22 Lying lips are an abomination to Jehovah; they that deal truly are his delight.
Proverbs 12: 22 ASV