



**The truth is the way things actually are**

**A lie is a deception,**  
Which falsifies the way things actually are  
So that the end result of a communication is misleading

## **The Devil Is in the Details**

What exactly can we expect from the devil as *the father of lies*?

- There is no truth in him. The devil never influences people to see things as they actually are.
- He speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies. It is an attribute, from his nature, to speak lies. So, the devil believes that lying is good. It seems that the reason the devil loves lies is simply because truth is an attribute of God.
- The serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness. The Greek word (*panourgia*) means cleverness, craftiness, or trickery. Trickery is to intentionally mislead someone. But a clever crafty trick uses partial truths with misleading and illogical thinking.
- The lies of the devil can be identified because they complicate devotion to Christ with another Jesus, a different spirit, or a different gospel.
- As we near the later times, the lies of the devil and his demons will result in professing believers who will fall away from the faith.
- The devil, his demons, and those they influence are liars seared in their own conscience. In other words, they don't feel guilty about lying, or see that their lying is wrong.

## **Applications**

- ✓ We should never compromise the way things actually are. It may not always be appropriate to inform someone about something, but only when silence is not deceptive.
- ✓ We should never conclude that lying is a good thing in any situation.
- ✓ Lying starts with the truth and then perverts it. Lies cannot exist without some truth to pervert. Lies are always **another** Jesus, a **different** spirit, or a **different** gospel, which requires the existence of the real Jesus, a spirit of truth, and an actual Gospel.
- ✓ Lying usually accompanies all other sins. Therefore, lying is a good “red flag” indication of other sins.
- ✓ As we approach the later time before the Great Tribulation, which precedes the Second Coming of Christ, lying will become common and accepted among “Christians.”
- ✓ Liars, being *seared in their own conscience*, believe their own lies. So lying is a deception, even when the deception is not intended. [For example, the cultists believe their own lies.]

