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**Worship Schedule**

**Sunday**

Bible Study ..... 9:30 AM  
Morning Worship ..... 10:30 AM  
Evening Worship ..... 6:00 PM

**Wednesday**

Bible Study ..... 7:00 PM

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**Are You a Christian?**

**Do you know what you must  
do to be saved?**

Hear – Romans 10:17  
Believe – John 8:24  
Repent – Acts 17:30  
Confess – Romans 10:9-10  
Be Baptized – 1 Peter 3:21  
Live Faithfully –  
Revelation 2:10

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**Got a Bible Question?**

Be sure to submit it in the blue box on the table in the foyer! You can also text, email, or message the Facebook page. Questions will be answered the last Sunday evening of each month.

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*The Park Street Informer*

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**ILL**

Those Fighting Cancer: Barbra Hook, Tish Clark, Bill Wright, Sharon Lindsay, and Drew Shinn

**Prayer List**

Lasha Jackson, Mike Katosh, James Jones, Laverne Kindle, Tammy Ashely, David Stockstill, Tom Thrasher, Robert Hook, David Phillips and Millie Robertson.

**Shut-Ins**

Ted Thrasher (Covid), Debbie McGuire.

**Upcoming Events**

Men’s Meeting Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> following morning worship.  
Ladies Day at Chipman Rd Aug. 26<sup>th</sup>  
Questions and Answers Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>  
Singing Aug. 30<sup>th</sup>  
Midwest Lectureship at 39<sup>th</sup> Street Sep. 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>  
Ladies Day with Evelyn Bonner Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>  
Fall Gospel Meeting with Mike Bonner Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Back Table**

New Discovery Magazine  
New House to House Heart to Heart

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**Passage to Ponder: Mark 16:15-16**

<sup>15</sup> And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

<sup>16</sup> He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

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**Sunday Sermons**

A.M.....Acts – A Book of Action  
P.M.....God Gives Wisdom

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## What Does the Bible Say About Lying? (Part 4)

Zac Hall

### Overcoming Lying

To overcome lying one must recognize the power that lying has. We have to know what it is. Lying is plain and simple sin. It is found in scripture as being describe as sin Revelation 21:8. Sin then is a huge problem it is a deadly problem John calls sin the transgression of law 1 John 3:4. John will go to say that the whole world is under wickedness 1 John 5:19. Paul would write to the church in Rome that “all had sinned” and the “wages of sin is death.” Therefore, lying should be a topic that is taken very seriously.

When one considers lying and the consequences of lying it should provoke a very important question. That question is what can I do to overcome the sin of lying? How can one remove the temptation of lying? The quick and easy answers to these questions would be to draw near to God. Think about sins that you have been involved in. When you were in the midst of them, were you thinking about God or godly things? Speaking from personal experience when I had told lies in the past I was not thinking about God, but rather I was thinking about self. When I consider this thought, it really shows that lying in its simplest form is selfishness.

Consider a few biblical principles to help overcome the sin of lying. First, one should abstain. Note what the apostle Paul would write “Abstain from all appearance of evil.” 1 Thessalonians 5:22. This idea of abstaining in the Greek is to keep oneself away from.<sup>5</sup> Sadly, many people when it comes to lying want to get as close to it as they can. They justify by saying it was only a little white lie. What does the Bible say? It does not say do just a “little white” sin. It says abstain from these things. Second, consider the law of displacement. Imagine if you will a 5-gallon bucket and it is full of dirty water. Then you take rocks and place them in the bucket upon doing so the dirty water flows out of the bucket. Now use that same idea when it come to lying and even sin. Replace that which is bad with that which is good. Note what Paul would say in Philippians 4:8 “Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.” These are all things that should be added to one’s life to displace sin and the temptation of lying. Paul ended this verse with the phrase “think on these things” “Think” is middle voice, to take account of, to meditate on, with a view of obtaining.<sup>6</sup> All the things that Paul mentions then is things New Testament Christians should be adding to their life. “Whatsoever things are true” the Christian should be replacing lies with truth. A great place to start of course would be the word of God John 17:17. “Whatsoever things are honest” this being similar to truth when one focuses on God and His word,

they come to the conclusion that they need to be Christ like 1 Corinthians 11:1. “Whatsoever things are just” this is the concept of that which is right. Instead of adding lies (things which are wrong) add those things which are right according to the word of God. It is the case that man may consider something good that God considers sin. For example, man says that the lifestyle of homosexuality is ok. God condemns this action Jude 7. “Whatsoever things are pure” the idea of moral pureness is under consideration. If one is to be a follower of God, they must be morally clean and cannot give into immoral behavior. “Whatsoever things are lovely” one needs to be adding to their life things that lead to love. When I consider lying and the true effects it has, it is devastating. It screams that you hate a person when you lie to them. It at the very least shows a lack of love and respect. “Whatsoever things are of good report” this is the things that have a good name or reputation. A follower of God will not be hanging around an irreputable place or people. Paul would say something similar to this in 1 Corinthians 15:33. “Virtue and praise” virtue is defined as moral excellence<sup>7</sup> while praise carries the idea of adoration or praiseworthy. Paul instructed that these things were to be thought about. When all this information is put together it is that law of displacement. All of these things should be taking the place of sin and lying.

When one considers the topic of lying it is one of great significance. Lying to some individuals is no big deal and a part of everyday life. However, this should not be the case with the one who claims to be a follower of God. Remember the words of Jesus in John 8 when he told the Pharisees they were as their Father the Devil. When it comes to lying and not lying there is but two choices. 1. You can lie and follow Satan. 2. You can tell the truth and follow God. Why does the church of Christ teach what they teach about lying? They want to be pleasing to God and do whatever He commands them to do. God through His word has clearly condemned the sin of lying.

## Those To Serve

August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### Morning Worship

#### Announcements

George Thomas

#### Song Leader

George Thomas

#### Opening Prayer

Zac Hall

#### Preside

Steve Phillips

#### Assist

Zac Hall

#### Closing Prayer

Ed Hanson

### Evening Worship

#### Opening Prayer

Ed Hanson

#### Closing Prayer

Steve Phillips

#### Lord’s Supper

George Thomas

Wednesday Aug. 16<sup>th</sup>

#### Song Leader

Zac Hall

#### Invitation

George Thomas