

25 Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbour, for we are all members of one body.

Q : What, in your mind, qualifies as a lie?

We lie to manipulate people and situations to get what we want.

Genesis 3 : 4 “You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman.

Q : Have you ever had someone lie to you to the point that you lost trust in them? Why is it so hard to rebuild that trust? Why do we sometimes so easily believe another’s lies?

Q : Why can lying become such a strong hold in peoples lives?

The biggest and most destructive lies are the ones we tell ourselves.

Genesis 3 : 6 When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

Q : Why did Eve want the fruit? How did her desire cause her to ignore the truth?

Q : What mental and emotional states in our lives make us more vulnerable to self deception? What makes us less vulnerable to it.

As we grow in Christ even “half-lies” become unacceptable in the Holy Spirit.

Genesis 3 : 11 And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?” **12** The man said, “The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.” **13** Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

Q : How did you react to the story of Annaias and Saphira? Why is it so shocking? What does it tell you about God’s desire for the full truth?

Q : What are some of the more common places we tell “half-truths” to make ourselves look better?

Q : Why does lying often allow sin to grow even more?