

CONSCIENCE 10/ A FALSE WITNESS



A deceptive witness tells deceptive and untrue stories.

Proverbs: What does a deceptive witness do? What does it cost him or her? What does it cost others?

For elders: side by side of two versions - what do you see?

Proverbs 6.19 A false witness who utters lies,
And one who spreads strife among brothers.

a mouth that lies under oath,
a troublemaker in the family.

Proverbs 12.17 He who speaks truth tells what is right,
But a false witness, deceit.

Truthful witness by a good person clears
the air, but liars lay down a smoke screen of
deceit.

Proverbs 14.5 A trustworthy witness will not lie,
But a false witness utters lies.

A true witness never lies; a false witness
makes a business of it.

Proverbs 19.5 A false witness will not go unpunished,
And he who tells lies will not escape.

Perjury won't go unpunished. Would you let
a liar go free?

Proverbs 19.9 A false witness will not go unpunished,
And he who tells lies will perish.

The person who tells lies gets caught; the
person who spreads rumors is ruined.

Proverbs 21.28 A false witness will perish,
But the man who listens to the truth will speak forever.

A lying witness is unconvincing; a person
who speaks truth is respected.

Proverbs 25.18 Like a club and a sword and a sharp arrow
Is a man who bears false witness against his neighbor.

Anyone who tells lies against the neighbors
in court or on the street is a loose cannon.

For youngsters:

“Jesus replied, You too? Are you being (wrapped up in your own human cleverness) willfully stupid? Don't you know that anything that is swallowed works its way through the intestines and is finally defecated (pooped out)?

But what comes out of the mouth gets its start in the heart. It's from the heart that we vomit up evil arguments, murders, adulteries, deep impurity, thefts, lies, and (abusive comments). That's what pollutes. Eating or not eating certain foods, washing or not washing your hands - that's neither here nor there.” - Matthew 15:16-20/ Message/Dave translates to better words

What makes something a lie?

What do we take from someone when we spread lies about them?

The best way to control our tongue (from James 3):

“So also the tongue is a small part of the body, and yet it boasts of great things. See how great a forest is set aflame by such a small fire! And the tongue is a fire, the very world of iniquity; the tongue is set among our members as that which defiles the entire body, and sets on fire the course of our life, and is set on fire by hell. For every species of beasts and birds, of reptiles and creatures of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by the human race. But no one can tame the tongue; it is a restless evil and full of deadly poison.”