

**DISHONESTY**

**INTRODUCTION**

Bill Cosby tells a story about his son getting in trouble for lying one day. After a talk with his son about the subject, he proceeds to give his son punishment with a paddle. Bill tells his son he will receive 10 hits on the backside. After the tenth one, he tells his son never to lie to him again, then, quickly gives him number 11. The boy looked back at his dad and said, " But you said ten," to which the dad replied, "I lied."

Memory Verse: Jeremiah 7:5 Behold, ye trust in lying words, that cannot profit.

**BIBLE LESSON**

Satan is the father of lies. He uses deceit to further the aims of killing, stealing and destroying the saints of God. We must be careful not to use the tools of the devil to further our own ends. Dishonesty is not of God.

Dishonesty is against God. Jeremiah 7:1-15

The laws of God are against deceitfulness. Leviticus 6:1-5, Leviticus 19:13, 35-36

Deceit is a reproach for any people. Jeremiah 9:1-11

**APPLICATION**

Read 1 Kings 21:2-16. How was Ahab deceitful? Discuss.

Read Philippians 4:8. How does thinking correctly correct dishonesty?