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Lying

²² The LORD detests lying lips, but he delights in those who tell the truth. **Proverbs 12:22 (NLT)**

²¹ Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him, ²² throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. ²³ Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. ²⁴ Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy. ²⁵ So stop telling lies. Let us tell our neighbors the truth, for we are all parts of the same body. **Ephesians 4:21-25 (NLT)**

⁴⁴ He [the devil] was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks according to his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies. **John 8:44 (NRSV)**

The Devil's Plan

1. Get you to _____
2. Get you to lie to _____
3. Get you to _____ a lie

⁴ Whoever says, "I have come to know him," but does not obey his commandments, is a liar, and in such a person the truth does not exist; **1 John 2:4 (NRSV)**

- The root reason most of us lie is because we don't completely trust God.

God's Plan

- We confess to God for _____
⁹ But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. **1 John 1:9 (NLT)**
- We confess to people for _____
¹⁶ Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. ... **James 5:16a (NLT)**

My Next Step Today Is To...

- Meditate on and/or memorize Proverbs 12:22
- Share with another an area of my life where I need to get honest.
- Experience the freedom found as I live in truth.
- Receive Jesus as my Lord and Savior