

#GETOVERYOURSELFIE

Truth Over Lies

1 Timothy 6:2b-5a

These are the things you are to teach and insist on. ³ If anyone teaches otherwise and does not agree to the sound instruction of our Lord Jesus Christ and to godly teaching, ⁴ they are conceited and understand nothing. They have an unhealthy interest in controversies and quarrels about words that result in envy, strife, malicious talk, evil suspicions ⁵ and constant friction between people of corrupt mind, who have been robbed of the truth . . .

1 Timothy 6:2b-5a

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Jesus in John 14:6

Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

John 18:37

Jesus is truth.
Satan is a liar.

You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

John 8:44

Lies are satanic in nature.

Satan lies to us in . . .

TEMPTATION . . . lies that lure us to sin (sin in our actions and our thoughts)

ACCUSATION . . . lies that label us wrongly

DECEPTION . . . lies that distort reality (relationships, facts, etc.)

How do we conquer the lies in temptation, accusation and deception?

To the Jews who had believed in him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

John 8:31-32

Everyone seems to know the final sentence in Jesus' teaching. But the first sentence is strategic to the second sentence. Jesus is telling us to hold to his teaching.

HOW DO WE HOLD TO HIS TEACHING WHEN IT COMES TO . . .

TEMPTATION

Matthew 4 and Luke 4 show us what Jesus did when tempted. He went back to the truth of Scripture and leaned into it.

ACCUSATION

Know what Scripture teaches about those who are followers of Christ and do not succumb to the lies you are listening to.

- I am fearfully and wonderfully made
- I am God's masterpiece
- I am made in the image of God
- I am forgiven
- I am redeemed by God
- I am called by God.
- I am a new creation
- I am greatly loved by God
- I am God's child
- I am an heir with Jesus
- I am a member of God's family.
- I am chosen to be part of a royal priesthood
- I am precious to God

DECEPTION

Love is very patient and kind, never jealous or envious, never boastful or proud. Love is never haughty or selfish or rude. Love does not demand its own way. Love is not irritable or touchy. Love does not hold grudges and will hardly notice when others do it wrong. Love is never glad about injustice, but rejoices whenever truth wins out. If you love someone, you will be loyal to them no matter what the costs. You will always believe in them, always expect the best in them, and will always stand your ground in defending them. True love never fails.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a (a paraphrase)