**Mouth Management – Lying**

**Key Scriptures:**

* **Proverbs 12:22**: "The Lord \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ lying lips, but he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in those who tell the truth."
* **Ephesians 4:21-25**: "Since you heard about Jesus and have learned the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that comes from him, throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. Put on your new nature, created to be like God, truly righteous and holy. So stop telling \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Let us tell our neighbors the truth, for we are all parts of the same body."
* **John 8:44**: "When the devil lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the father of lies."
* **1 John 1:9**: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."
* **James 5:16**: "Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_."

**Sermon Points:**

1. **God's View on Lying**:
   * The Lord \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ lying lips.
   * Lying makes God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. **The Devil's Plan**:
   * Satan wants to get you to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
   * Satan wants you to lie to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
   * Satan wants you to live a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. **Living a Lie**:
   * Claiming to be one thing but being something entirely \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
   * Examples: Mr. Christian guy but secretly watching \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, showing a perfect life on social media but battling \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. **Self-Deception**:
   * Rationalizing your lies and starting to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ them.
   * Example: King David's sin with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and his subsequent lies.
5. **The Root of Lying**:
   * Most of us lie because we don't completely \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God.
   * We believe our lie will work better than the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
6. **God's Plan for Freedom**:
   * Confess to God for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
   * Confess to people for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Reflection Questions:**

1. Why do you think you lie? Is it to protect someone’s feelings, make yourself look better, or avoid conflict?
2. How can you start trusting God more in your daily life to avoid lying?
3. Who can you confess to in