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**The Lord wants you to live in His light.**

***Pv. 6:16-19 There are six things the LORD hates, seven that are detestable to Him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, a false witness who pours out lies and a person who stirs up conflict in the community.***

As I mentioned yesterday, it is interesting is that every one of these things that God hates were found in the evil one and it is the areas of temptation he uses to entice people away from the LORD. When we lie, we are speaking the native language of the Satan. Listen to what Jesus said about him in **John 8:44** *You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. 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.*

For believers, we have a new nature that now resides in us. We are empowered by the Holy Spirit to do what is right and pleasing to God. When we speak an untruth, we are quenching the Holy Spirit's work in us. For those who have chosen to follow Jesus as Lord, we must also choose to speak the truth in love. The key is speaking the truth. **John 8:31-32** *To the Jews who had believed 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.'*

The opposite is true as well. When we speak lies, we will not be set free, but be in bondage. We will be held in the tentacles of selfishness and pride because we will not want to admit that we have lied. I believe it is clear for Christians, that we should be a people who represent our Holy Father rather than the evil one who deceives others.

**Dear LORD, help us to not to speak lies, which is not of You. Instead, help us to speak the truth in love. We must say no to our sinful nature and submit to Your nature that is now residing within us. In Jesus Name, Amen.**