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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.*

Again, like the second in this list of things that God hates (a lying tongue), these lies are used to harm someone else. They are meant to hurt and discredit others by sharing false statements or perjury to try to deceive. **Albert Einstein** once said, “*Whoever is careless with the truth in small matters cannot be trusted with important matters.*” And **Prov 12:22** states it even clearer: ***The LORD detests lying lips, but He delights in people who are trustworthy.***

Many people lie to cover up for themselves. They want others to believe something good about themselves so they might embellish a story or exaggerate accomplishments. Before long, they begin to believe their own lies. And what is even worse, they are willing to lie about others to the other person’s detriment.

“White lies” are never white, they are just lies. And, when they are told about someone else, it can damage the other person’s reputation and even their ability to reach others for Christ. I believe that the LORD hates this because His commission to us as believers is hampered by the continual assault of the lies of others. Satan did this to Adam and Eve in the garden: **Gen. 3:1b** ***He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’”*** And again in v. 4-5 ***“You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”*** Now just think about that for a moment. All the Adam and Eve had ever known up to this point was good. So, what would they gain from this lie? Evil; and that’s exactly what they got.

Dear LORD, help us to speak the truth. We cannot use the tongue to tear down and still be useful by You. You desire truth because You are truth. Forgive us for our sin LORD. In Jesus Name, Amen.