

The 7 Things God Hates
A False Witness Who Utters Lies: When Words Destroy
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[Pro 6:16-19 NASB95] 16 There are six things which the LORD hates, Yes, seven which are an abomination to Him: 17 Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, And hands that shed innocent blood, 18 A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that run rapidly to evil, 19 A false witness [who] utters lies, And one who spreads strife among brothers.

- There is lying. And then there is false witness.
- A lying tongue distorts truth. A false witness weaponizes it.
- A false witness is not casual dishonesty. It is targeted accusation. This is using words to destroy. Relays information that is not correct.
- It damages reputation, relationships, community, destiny
- And sometimes it hides behind phrases like: “I’m just being discerning.” “I’m concerned.” “We need to pray about them.”
- But Scripture is clear: God hates false witness because it destroys what love is trying to build.

What do we need to know about how words destroy?

Here are five things that is important about how words destroy.

I. FALSE WITNESS PARTNERS WITH THE ACCUSER

- a. [Rev 12:10 NASB95] 10 Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night.
- b. The enemy’s strategy is accusation.
- c. When we falsely accuse, exaggerate, or distort someone’s character, we are not partnering with the Advocate, we are echoing the accuser.
- d. [Tit 3:2 NASB95] 2 to malign no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing every consideration for all men.
- e. The Holy Spirit is the Advocate. The enemy is the accuser. Spiritual language can still be demonic if it accuses.
- f. Application: Refuse to repeat unverified claims. Stop conversations that demean others. Ask: “Would I say this if they were in the room?”

II. FALSE WITNESS DESTROYS THE INNOCENT

- a. [Mat 26:59-60 NASB95] 59 Now the chief priests and the whole Council kept trying to obtain false testimony against Jesus, so that they might put Him to death. 60 They did not find [any,] even though many false witnesses came forward. But later on two came forward,
- b. Even Jesus experienced false witnesses.
- c. False words: Led to unjust condemnation. Distorted truth. Fueled injustice.
- d. [Jas 3:6 NASB95] 6 And the tongue is a fire, the [very] world of iniquity; the tongue is set among our members as that which defiles the entire body, and sets on fire the course of [our] life, and is set on fire by hell.
- e. Words can burn down what took years to build.
- f. Application: Guard your speech in leadership circles. Refuse spiritualized criticism. Pray for people more than you discuss them.

III. THIS SIN MASQUERADES AS DISCERNMENT

- a. This is critical.

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- b. Sometimes false witness hides behind: "I have a check in my spirit." "I just feel something isn't right." "I'm being prophetic."
- c. Discernment reveals. False witness exaggerates.
- d. [Jas 3:14-16 NASB95] 14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and [so] lie against the truth. 15 This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic. 16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing.
- e. Not all spiritual-sounding words are Spirit-born.
- f. True discernment is redemptive. False accusation is destructive.
- g. Application: Examine motive before speaking. Ask: "Am I seeking restoration or exposure?" Invite the Spirit to purify your intentions.

IV. JESUS' BLOOD CANCELS THE ACCUSATION

- a. Now we shift toward healing.
- b. [Rev 12:11 NASB95] 11 "And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death.
- c. The enemy accuses. The blood answers.
- d. Jesus stood silently under false witness. And His blood now silences every accusation against you.
- e. [Rom 8:33-34 NASB95] 33 Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies; 34 who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.
- f. No accusation stands against redeemed identity.
- g. The same blood that forgives also defends.
- h. Application: Declare truth over your identity. Refuse to internalize slander. Replace accusation with Scripture.

V. SHAKING OFF THE LIES SPOKEN ABOUT YOU

- a. Some in the room are not guilty of false witness. They have been wounded by it.
- b. You may have been labeled: unfaithful, unstable, unqualified, immoral, ungodly.
- c. But words spoken over you are not destiny.
- d. [Act 28:3-5 NASB95] 3 But when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and laid them on the fire, a viper came out because of the heat and fastened itself on his hand. 4 When the natives saw the creature hanging from his hand, they [began] saying to one another, "Undoubtedly this man is a murderer, and though he has been saved from the sea, justice has not allowed him to live." 5 However he shook the creature off into the fire and suffered no harm.
- e. The people said, "He must be guilty." But he shook it off.
- f. [Isa 54:17 NASB95] 17 "No weapon that is formed against you will prosper; And every tongue that accuses you in judgment you will condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, And their vindication is from Me," declares the LORD.
- g. Not every word spoken about you belongs on you.
- h. You do not have to wear what others say.
- i. Application: Reject false identity. Forgive those who lied. Speak God's truth over yourself daily. Shake it off. Do not carry what heaven has not spoken.

- **False witness aligns with the accuser and destroys community, but the blood of Jesus silences accusation and restores truth.**
- The Advocate is in this house. Let's not echo the accuser.