

John 8:44

You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

Have you ever really thought about an actor or actress and what their job really is? If you think about it, their job is to be a highly paid professional liar, because they are always portraying someone they are not in real life. Even way back in Jesus' time, actors were also known as hypocrites, which is just another way of saying they are lying about what they are portraying themselves to be.

Today, you can see a person on one TV show in a wheelchair or walking with a cane, and on the next show they are jumping around like there is no problems in the world totally healed. Yet they were never hurt in the first place, they just acted like they were.

Yet how many will buy the products these actors are selling on commercials or infomercials forgetting that this person is a paid professional liar? Think about it, if they told you the truth about some of these products they are selling, would you really buy them?

What about politics (Which I hate talking or hearing about) An actor or actress will support a politician and everyone will believe what they say, even if the politician is a fraud or wrong on many Christian values, yet these paid professional liars know how to get people to believe them.

If people are so quick to believe these paid liars, how much more are they quick to believe the father of lies, satan? How good is he at telling lies? Well, his lies caused a third of the angels to rebel against God. Fortunately the truth overcomes those lies, because even though a third followed the devil, two thirds stayed with God.

Maybe someone you know is believing those lies from the enemy. For us as believers, those lies are as plain as the nose on our face. But for the unbelievers, they are blinded to the truth because of the lies, and they can't see it.

† **2 Corinthians 4:3-4** *But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.*

We all once walked believing the lies, until the Holy Spirit opened our eyes to the truth, then we felt so foolish for believing those lies. But even believers can still fall back into that trap of the lies being whispered into your ears, things like:

- You're not good enough.
- God won't forgive you again, after how many times have you done that?
- Come on, do you really think God could love someone like you, look at what a lousy Christian you are. You might as well go back to how you used to live.
- Go ahead, sleep with him or her, God will forgive you, because all that adultery fornication thing is for those other people, but not you, because he or she is special and you should show him or her by sleeping with them.
- Jesus drank wine and even turned water into wine, so go for it.

I mean, think about it, how many downright lies, that you know are lies about God and how He sees you do you believe? Ask yourself truly, does God really feel that way about you? Do you really believe Jesus died for all your sins except for that one you just did last night?

Are you unsure if it is a lie or not? In your mind all those lies the enemy puts in your head sounds so right about how much of a loser you are.

Well, here is the truth, God sent His Son Jesus to die for you because He loves you and doesn't see you as a loser. Also, Jesus willing went to the cross because He loves you. Those are truths the enemy doesn't want you to believe.

So who are you going to keep believing, the father of lies, or He who is truth?

† **John 14:6a** *Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life."*