



What's so bad about a lie? Our society has been teaching that the end justifies the means; That lying is ok as long as you don't get caught; That truth is appropriate if it is convenient or to your advantage, otherwise a little white lie is just as good; I am concerned that we are producing a generation of pretty little liars. Our crumbling foundation is riddled with the termites of hundreds of lies, and the whole edifice is ready to fall.

“Do not lie to one another, Colossians 3:9

Without honesty nothing else you say or do can be \_\_\_\_\_

### **THE CHURCH IS A COMMUNITY OF TRUST 10 4:32-35**

Heart and soul - They were a unified church

Everything is Gods - They were a \_\_\_\_\_ church

Testimony - They were a powerful church

Great Power - They were a strong church

When we first believe we get \_\_\_\_\_ grace

Now that we believe God continues to grant \_\_\_\_\_ grace

Great Grace...

Makes us strong in spirit and wisdom (Lk 2:40)

Causes the glory of God to rest on us (Jn 1:14)

Grants \_\_\_\_\_ from sin (Rom 6:14)

Empowers us to use our Spiritual Gifts to their capacity (Rom 12:6)

Makes us adequate in ministry (2 Cor 9:8)

Strengthens us when we are weak (2 Cor 12:9)

Brings us answers to prayer (Heb 4:16)

### **THE CHURCH IS A COMMUNITY OF TRANSFORMATION 4:36-37**

Much of their offerings went to Christians in \_\_\_\_\_

Barnabas sold his mansion and gave the proceeds to the Apostles

Barnabas was an encourager. Everyone admired Barnabas

### **THE CHURCH IS A COMMUNITY AT RISK 5:1-11**

The Counterfeit

It began like any legitimate transaction

Ananias desired \_\_\_\_\_, He craved approval.

Ananias lied because he had an image to keep up

We don't have to exaggerate to be acceptable to Jesus. Just be honest.

The Consequences

Ananias and Sapphira \_\_\_\_\_ immediately

God had to protect the infant he had birthed – the church.

Signs and wonders - God dealt swiftly and harshly with sin.

Sin is bad, \_\_\_\_\_ bad. Sin destroys people, and the church.

Our sin gives God a pretty bad name.

### **THE RESULT**

Great fear came upon everyone.

Don't mess with God. He has a tendency to discipline his own children. What could possibly make us brave enough to risk the wrath of God? The Big lie... it's just not worth it.